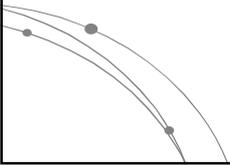
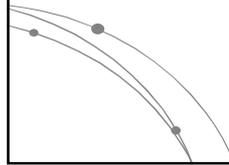


Acts 2:42

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

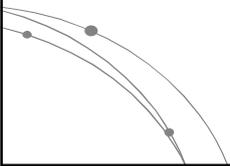


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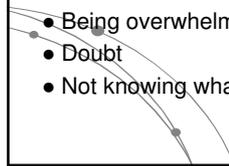


Discuss

- Why do people find it so hard to pray...
 - alone?
 - in groups?



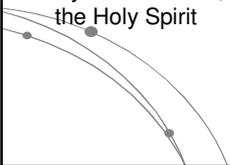
- Distractions
- Busyness
- Fear
- Shame
- Being overwhelmed
- Doubt
- Not knowing what to pray



The heart of prayer

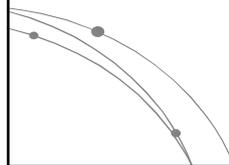
The Holy Spirit
The Trinity

Pray to the Father, through the son in the power of the Holy Spirit



- John 14v13

¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.



John Piper writes this

Therefore, the normal way to think about coming to God in order to receive blessing is coming by the Spirit, through the Son, to the Father. That's just normal.

We should know how the Spirit works to stir us up to pray, how the Son works to purchase all the answers to prayer, and how the Father works as the great originator and giver of all things. And it's good to know that, because they did it that way together.

The Trinity worked together to make answers to prayer possible. But once you know that, that they all teamed up to do this for you, you can't not thank them! You can't not say to Jesus, "Thank you for dying for me!" You can't not sing to him.

- John 14v13

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- 1 Cor 1v1-2

Call on the name of the Lord Jesus

- Revelation 22v20

Come Lord Jesus!

- Eph 2v18

[Paul speaking on Jews and Gentiles]

(Jesus)**17** ..came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. **18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.**

Hedge of Protection

What do we learn about prayer?

- How can we pray
- Where can we pray
- When can we pray
- About what can we pray.
- Are there special words we should use when we pray?

Things that block our prayers

- Isaiah 59
- Malachi 3
- James 4v2

Pray in line with God's will

- Fasting
- Listening
- The day
- God's purpose in Jesus

- Matt 28v19

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

- Phil 2v9

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- pray the scriptures.

- tongues

- do it all though with thanksgiving

- above all, keep asking God to teach you to pray

Thesaurus prayers!

Dwell on a passage, listen and pray