







# **10 KEYS TO A STRONG CHURCH**

## PRAYER, PRESENCE AND POWER ACTS 2:1-14

WEEK 3

Prayer is an extraordinary gift that allows us to enter into God's presence, yet it's often taken for granted or overlooked. Just like being in the same room with someone doesn't guarantee being truly present with them, merely being physically present in church doesn't automatically mean we're engaged with God. Prayer provides a direct line to God's presence, accessible to everyone regardless of status or skill. As children of God, gathering together becomes an opportunity to pray and experience the transformative power of being in God's presence. If we are going to be a strong church and used by God, then we need to be a praying church and a people devoted to prayer.

## (10 min) PRAY

As a Life Group, ask God to give you a fresh desire and to have willing hearts to follow the leading of God's Holy Spirit.

## (25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

1. In what ways do Christians believe in manifesting, and how does it differ from the concept of positive thinking and manifestation popularized in secular culture?

#### The church is empowered when it engages God's presence through prayer.

2. How does the story of Peter's imprisonment and the early church's earnest prayer for him teach us about the power of prayer in times of difficulty and persecution? Discuss the different ways that can prayer help us to stay focused on God and trust in His provision even in challenging circumstances?

### FAITH is the language of prayer.

3. Share an experience when prayer made a significant impact in your life or the life of someone you know. What are some practical ways we can cultivate a habit of prayer in our daily lives?

## Prayer is how you reach for the empowering that God wants to give to you.

4. Discuss the importance of praying in unity with other believers and how it strengthens the church..

**EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER:** As a Life Group, take the next 5-10 minutes to pray in a group. Lift up your Life Group, Awaken Las Vegas, and the city of Las Vegas and ask for His presence and for an empowering of the Holy Spirit for moving of hearts to be more like Jesus.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE: Acts 2:42 "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellow-ship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."