

Corporate Prayer in the Upper Room (Acts 1:12-14)

- Luke recounts actions of the apostles after the resurrection & ascension
- Jesus appeared to disciples for 40 days with **“many convincing proofs”**
- Disciples were to stay in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit
- The disciples asked Jesus would he at this time restore the kingdom?
- Jesus answered no, but told them they would receive power to witness
- After telling them this, Jesus was received up into heaven in the clouds.
- The angels told them that Jesus would indeed return the same way
- They returned to Jerusalem “a Sabbath’s day journey” to the upper room

I. The Disciples in the Upper Room

- The 11 who witnessed the ascension were together in the upper room
- Luke mentions the 11 by name to emphasize the unity that they had
- Vs 14 **“All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer”**
- **“together with - women & Mary - mother of Jesus, & his brothers”**
- ‘devoting themselves to prayer’ Greek: regular & consistently in prayer

II. Practical Lessons from the Church’s First Corporate Prayer Meeting

- 1) The disciples’ complete dependence upon God
- 2) Men and women prayed together in the first prayer meeting
- 3) Valuable lessons learned from the corporate nature of prayer
 - a) Being of the “same mind”
 - b) Corporate prayer done in an attitude of devotion
- 4) They were all involved in corporate prayer