

Reformed University Fellowship

Biblical Discipleship Conference

Session 6: Power for Evangelism – Prayer

So far this weekend we have focused on God's mission for us and the message we carry. Our discussion has centered around the scripture, but we have two weapons available to fight Kingdom battles – scripture and prayer. In this hour we will focus on the role of prayer in evangelism.

1. What promises does God give us as we prepare for evangelism?
 - a. Isaiah 41:8-10.
 - b. Isaiah 43:10-12.
 - c. Isaiah 49:6.
 - d. Acts 1:8.

The Effects of Prayer

2. Read John 15:5.
 - a. What is the fruit Jesus is talking about? (See also John 15:16, 26-27)
 - b. What principle does this imply about our evangelism?
3. Read Acts 1:3-5, 9.
 - a. When is this taking place?
 - 40 days after the resurrection
 - b. What does Jesus tell them to do?
 - c. What do they do while they wait? (vs. 14)
4. Now read Acts 2:1.
 - a. What events take place in this chapter?
 - b. When do these things happen?
 - Pentecost, 50 days after the resurrection (Passover)
 - c. How long was it between the Ascension (Acts 1:9) and these events?
 - 10 days
5. Peter preached a powerful sermon on this occasion. Let's read vv. 37-41 to see the result of his sermon.
 - a. Why did 3,000 people convert to Christ that day?
 - the eloquence of Peter's sermon?
 - just the spontaneous work of God?
 - b. What role did the 10 days of prayer have in this terrific response?
6. What role does prayer play in our evangelism?
 - a. What do we pray for regarding evangelism?
 - b. What would you do if you had to wait in a room for 10 days for something?
 - c. Could you pray for 10 days?
 - d. What changes do you or your RUF group need to make to be more evangelistically effective?

We need to be committed to praying that God would use us in people's lives.

How to Pray

7. What do the following verses tell us we should be praying for ourselves?
 - a. Acts 24:16.
 - b. Colossians 4:2-4.
 - c. Ephesians 6:18-20.
 - d. 1 Peter 3:15-16.

8. What do the following verses tell us about unbelievers?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 2:14.
 - b. Romans 8:5-9.
 - c. 2 Corinthians 4:4.

9. What must God do for a person to become a Christian?
 - a. John 6:44.
 - b. Acts 16:14.
 - c. Matthew 13:14-15.
 - d. Ephesians 2:5.

10. What do the following verse tell us we should be praying for those whom we are bearing witness?
 - a. Romans 10:1.
 - b. Acts 3:19.
 - c. 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

11. Read Romans 10:1 again..
 - How much is our desire the same as Paul's?

Take some time together to share how this study applies to your life. Pray for your witness and for your friends who don't know the Lord.