

### **"Together in Prayer"**

1. Tell about a meaningful experience you've had praying with fellow believers. What made it significant?
  
2. After the Jerusalem authorities had threatened Peter and John "not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus" (Acts 4:18), the church gathered for prayer. Read about the prayer in Acts 4:23–31 and answer the following questions:
  - a. *As a first response to the threat they faced, what does this prayer reveal about the believers' spiritual life?*
  - b. *What does this prayer reveal about their sense of identity (who they were and what their role in the world was)?*
  - c. *What was significant about their use of Scripture in this prayer (i.e., what did it accomplish in the prayer)? How might Scripture be similarly important in our prayers today?*
  - d. *How did this prayer express and reinforce their faith?*
  - e. *What did they request in the prayer? If the believers had all prayed individually rather than collectively, do you think some might have made different requests? And, if so, what?*
  
3. How do your group prayer experiences differ from your individual prayers? Consider as many factors as possible: frequency, length, regularity, content, focus, your sense of its significance, results, etc.

### **Recurring Questions**

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?