



LIFE CHANGING  
**PRAYERS**

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### OPENING REMARKS

One goal we've stated for our series on prayer is to accelerate our confidence in prayer. The starting point for greater confidence in prayer is to more fully grasp the "Bigness" of God. This week, we will look in depth, at the prayer of the believers in Acts 4:24-30. It's my prayer that God's bigness will unleash our boldness in prayer!

### WARM IT UP

Make a list of situations that prompt prayer. (NOTE: These don't all have to be serious...ie. Praying for a good parking space at church!)

### TALK IT OVER

Read Acts 3:1-10. This miracle of healing got Peter and John arrested! They testified before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:1-12). Finally, they were warned and threatened by the Jewish leaders.  
Read Acts 4:18-22.

1. Why do you think healing a man (a good thing) in the name of Jesus Christ would be a reason for arresting Peter and John?
2. What evidence is there in these verses that this was truly a miracle?

Read Acts 4:24-30

3. The prayer begins with a declaration of God's sovereignty. (verse 24) How would you define 'sovereign'? What did you think of Mark's definition?
4. The believers prayed with an understanding of God's history with them (verses 25-26). What highlights of Biblical history could increase your confidence in prayer?
5. Their prayer was focused on Jesus and his ability to continue to work in their midst (verse 30). Why do you think they were so confident and faith-filled?
6. Read Acts 4:31. What affect did the prayer have on those who were praying? Could this have been a surprising result?

## WORK IT OUT

1. Mark talked about the importance of praying with God's word. How often do you do this?  
What prevents you from doing it more often?
  - a) I don't know where to look.
  - b) It feels like someone is putting words in my mouth.
  - c) The Bible doesn't address my concerns.
  - d) Other
2. Can you think of a time when prayer with others was more impactful and important to you, than prayer by yourself?
3. How are you helped, encouraged, strengthened through the prayers of others?

## WRAP IT UP

1. Are you open to God moving in you as you pray with others? Is there something in your group that you are praying for and God is prompting you to respond?

## PRAY IT THROUGH

1. Share your individual prayer requests with one another. Pray boldly and with an openness to respond.
2. Begin and end your prayer time with this Breath Prayer:  
Lord Jesus (in)  
Help me speak your word with boldness (out)