



SERMON GUIDE

## A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER

Acts 4:23-31

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### Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

**S**cripture that stands out to you while you read

**O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

**A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

**P**ray that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

**Getting to know me:** Have you ever been a part of a group that prayed together really well? What made it 'good'?

**Note about the passage:** This story immediately follows the story of Peter and John being thrown in prison by the religious authorities in Jerusalem. They are sternly warned never to speak or teach in the name of Jesus again and then released.

### Read Acts 12:23-31

- S** What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** After Peter and John are released, what is the first thing they do? How does their community respond?
- O** What is the content of their prayer like/what does their prayer include?
- O** What benefit would there be to recalling God's attributes and activity during prayer?
- O** What benefit would there be to using scripture verses as part of prayer?
- O** In what ways does praying scripture help groups to pray together effectively?
- O** In light of what God has done in the past, what do they ask him to do for them (v.29-30)? How does he respond to them in verse 31?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Is your Christian community responding to opposition with prayer? If not, what steps could be taken this week to begin this new practice?
- A** Is there any prayer content from this passage that you'd like to practice more in either personal or group prayer? Why would you like to? How will you do that this week?
- P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.

\*We encourage Missional Communities to read "Tuning Up a Boring Prayer Meeting" and discuss it.