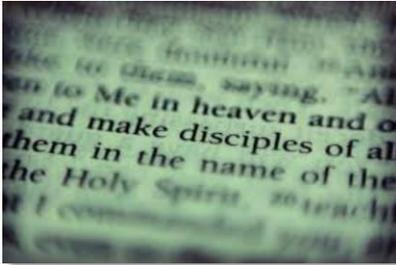


Prayer and Evangelism

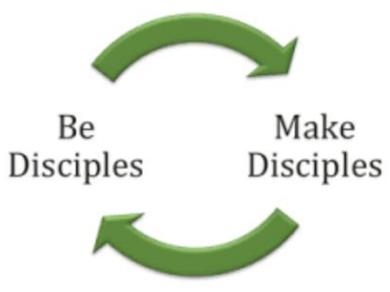


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As Christians we have, as part of our spiritual artillery, the power of communicating with our God through prayer. Prayer is powerful and its power has been illustrated throughout the pages of the Bible. Elijah prayed and rain ceased from the earth. The Apostles prayed, and the place in which they were gathered shook. Members of the church assembled together at the house of Mary and prayed for Peter, and he was released.

Prayer is powerful!

As we are equipping the church to become more evangelistic in our thinking, what should we pray?



1. **Pray for workers** - Jesus told his disciples, “*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest*” (Matt. 9:38). Even during the time of Jesus, the work was great, but the workers were few. We should pray that the hearts of men and women will be pricked to involve themselves in the work of saving souls.
2. **Pray that each of us will be opportunistic in speaking the word of God** - Paul encouraged the church at Colosse to pray for the following, “*Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds*” (Col. 4:3). Paul wanted the church to solicit the help of God in helping them find open doors of opportunity. It should be our prayer that God would use us as instruments to speak the word to those who are seeking.
3. **Pray that we will be delivered from wicked men** - Paul requested, “*And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men, for all men have not faith*” (2 Thess. 3:2). Many Christians do not evangelize because we are afraid to teach others. God will protect us and watch over us as we are involved in His work. Men may be wicked and unfaithful but our God is faithful who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil” (2 Thess. 3:3). We have no reason to be afraid because God is more faithful than the most wicked and unfaithful person. He loves His children and will protect those who are fulfilling their duties to Him.

We can use the power of prayer to our advantage.

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