

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

1. In **Acts 1:7-8**, Jesus tells His disciples how they can know when they have received the Holy Spirit. What is so hard about going in our community and witnessing the way the early church did?

Who will you be a witness to this week?

*\*Make sure you read through Chapter 29 before you come to church next weekend.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS \_\_\_\_\_

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The Story

Chapter 28, New Beginnings

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Pray like miracles \_\_\_\_\_ happen.

Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

The ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer is to know \_\_\_\_\_ and know

\_\_\_\_\_.

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# CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of April 7, 2024

The Story - Chapter 28, New Beginnings

## GETTING STARTED \_\_\_\_\_

1. We had an epic Easter weekend here at Crossroads! What was one of the highlights you got to experience? (i.e., baptisms, lots of people, youth ministry, etc.)

2. What is the most incredible thing you have ever witnessed? Was it a struggle for you to talk about it to others? Explain.

## DIGGING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

1. God the Father was the most visible person of the Trinity in the Old Testament. Jesus was most visible in the Gospels and now the Holy Spirit becomes prominent in Acts. For most of us, the Holy Spirit is the least understood person of the Trinity.

In **John 15:26-27**, Jesus makes a promise to His disciples. What was it? How have you seen that promise show up in your life?

2. According to **Galatians 5:22-26**, what are the nine attributes of the Holy Spirit?

How do you feel when you see someone who is professing to be a Christian who doesn't exhibit the attributes shared by Paul in **Galatians 5**?

What effect does that have on the church when we are not living according to what the Spirit has empowered us to do?

3. Despite opposition and persecution, the early church experienced rapid growth. What factors do you think contributed to this growth?

Was there something happening at that time that the contemporary church today is missing? If so, what was it?

4. What role do you think prayer played in the growth of the church in the days and weeks following the resurrection of Jesus?

5. Not only did the church see rapid growth, but they also experienced miracles because the disciples were focused and in prayer. Read **Acts 12:6-11**. How does the story of Peter's miraculous escape from prison challenge our perceptions of prayer?

What role does prayer play in the life of the church today? What role does it play in our lives as believers? Should we still expect God to perform miracles?