



FINE ARTS

# deployed april week 2

## discipleship dimension: prayer

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Trust God through the habit of prayer.



# The Habit of Praying First

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### scripture

“They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.”

**Acts 1:14**

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### discover

As a young child, I knew that every day after school I had to do my homework before I could play. Although this wasn't my favorite part of my daily routine, my parents instilled this habit in my life at an early age. They knew the habit of getting my work done first would benefit not only my school life, but also give me the discipline to build other habits later.

The habit of prayer may start as a discipline, but it will become a delight. Just like my parents knew the benefit of getting my work done first, Jesus knows the benefit of praying first before doing anything else.

**develop**

This passage takes place right after Jesus ascended to heaven. Can you imagine what all the apostles must have been feeling? I'm sure they were confused about what their lives would look like now that Jesus was no longer physically with them. But their response was an example of the faith they built through their habit of prayer. They continued to trust that God would come through for them, just as He always had. Ask yourself, "How often do I pray?" Sometimes we tend to pray only when we need something from God. But how would your life look different if you chose to pray in both the good and the hard times?

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**deploy**

Discuss with your team or coach how you can create a habit of prayer within your time together. Is there a situation in your life where you need to trust God to show up or provide? What does trusting God look like when it comes to the categories you are presenting in for Fine Arts this year?

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**prayer**

**Take a moment to ask for prayer requests within your group. Ask everyone to pray for each other and for what they are believing God for this year. Ask the Holy Spirit to give your group peace, knowing we can trust Him to answer our prayers.**