

Things to Pray for my church

3. "Praying that my church would be devoted to one another"

(Acts 2:42-47)

What would be your perfect church? Are you helping to make PBC more so?!

'Devoted'

- What does it mean to be devoted to our church?
- The early church were devoted to each other in ways that grew their faith in Christ & built up the body in 'truth and love' (Ephesians 4:15)
- PBC: "Christian, Caring, Community"

Heavenly Father, help us to be devoted to...

Hearing God Together (v.42)

- The apostles had authority to teach about Jesus
- We now have the New Testament – "God-breathed" (2 Tim 3:16-17)
- Active and passive listening – Mary sitting at Jesus' feet (Luke 10:39)
- "What would happen if we treated the bible like our mobile phones?"

Building Relationships (v.42, 44, 46-47)

- Friendships need time – will we share our lives?
- 'breaking bread' – eating together in homes, remembering Jesus
- Getting to know others rather than who we're most comfortable with

Praying together (v.42)

- Prayer demonstrates a reliance on God as his beloved children
- How can we help each other to pray?

Meeting needs (v.45)

- Sacrifice and generosity!
- 'Careful Care'

Reaching out (v.46-47)

- The Christians still met daily in the temple courts, mixing with those who needed the message – people were regularly saved!
- Do we get so tied up with church activities that we stop reaching out?

Digging Deeper: Personal Reflection or Group Study – Acts 2:42-47

Heavenly Father, help us to be devoted to...

Hearing God Together (v.42)

- What does it mean to be devoted to hearing God together?
- How has God been speaking to you through His Word recently?

Building Relationships (v.42, 44, 46-47)

- What relationships are you most grateful for here at PBC? Why?
- Are there people you could get to know better rather than sticking to old friendships? What is challenging about that? What is beneficial?

Praying together (v.42)

- Do you look forward to praying with other Christians or not? Why is this?
- What is our motivation to pray together & what can make it special?

Meeting needs (v.45)

- How do we get to know each other's needs?
- What is 'careful care' and how should we be discerning when it comes to meeting others' needs?

Reaching out (v.46-47)

- Do you find that 'church activities' stop you from having time to reach out to non-Christians with the Gospel?
- Where are the places and who are the people you could connect with & how might you go about this?