

Idea: God is sovereign over all things, yet He has determined to work through the prayers of His people. What an amazing privilege. Let’s pray!

**I. THE CONTEXT: WHAT JESUS BEGAN TO DO**

**A. From the Gospel of Mark to the Acts of the Holy Spirit...**

**B. Themes in Acts...themes we want to see at CCC**

1. The sovereignty of God
2. The strong emphasis on missions
3. The importance of prayer
4. The prominence of the Holy Spirit
5. The centrality of preaching the Word

**II. NOT NOW GOD, WE’RE PRAYING**

**A. The IMPORTANCE of prayer in Acts**

1. The FREQUENCY of prayer

2. The EFFECTIVENESS of prayer

**B. The story of Peter’s DELIVERANCE**

1. An outbreak of PERSECUTION

2. An outbreak of PRAYER

3. A BREAKOUT from prison

**C. LESSONS learned about prayer**

1. They prayed SPECIFICALLY

2. They prayed FERVENTLY

3. They prayed to GOD

4. They prayed TOGETHER

5. They prayed but struggled to BELIEVE

**III. SOME THINGS THAT NEED TO BE SAID ABOUT PRAYER**

**A. There is a MYSTERY to this matter of prayer**

**B. We are making a STATEMENT when we pray**

**C. We can’t be a HEALTHY church without CORPORATE prayer**