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## Why Did They Pray?

### I. Jesus Prayed (Luke)

Jesus modeled prayer.

### II. The Early Christians Prayed (Acts)

The Christians in the early church practiced prayer.

### III. The New Testament Record (New Testament Epistles)

The New Testament epistles prescribe prayer.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Jesus modeled prayer. Read the following references to Jesus praying in Luke's gospel. Think about when, why, and what He might have prayed about.

Luke 3:21-22; 5:16; 6:12-13

Luke 9:18; 9:28-29

Luke 22:39:41; 23:33-34; 23:36

How can you apply His example to your own life?

2. Christians in the early church practiced prayer. Read the following references to the early Christians praying. Was the when, why, or what they prayed about, different than that of Jesus?

Acts 1:14; 2:42; 3:1; 4:31

Acts 6:4; 12:5; 13:3

How can you apply the prayer practice of the early church to your life?

3. The New Testament Scriptures prescribed prayer. Read the following New Testament epistles exhortations to prayer. Did you see anything additional to what you saw above about when, why, or what to pray about?

Romans 12:10-12; Colossians 4:2-4; Ephesians 6:18-20

1 Timothy 2:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

What practical exhortation to prayer stood out to you?

Spend some time in prayer! Did you pray before you started this study?