

Acts 12:12-26

“The Powerful Church” (part 2)

Introductory question: What makes a church powerful?

**A Review From Last Sunday:**

**1. A Powerful Church is Dependent on the Power of God so that His Purposes Will Be Accomplished (Acts 1:12-14, 24-25).**

If the church is God’s people who are on a mission to accomplish God’s plan, then we would be foolish to ever believe that we could fulfill His purposes without Him. The Church belongs to God.

Your view of God, whether high or low, big or little, will be reflected in your dependence upon Him to work through you. We must make a commitment to rely on God’s power and God’s presence to lead us into ministry.

**2. A Powerful Church is Driven to Prayer in All of the Decisions They Make Together (Acts 1:14, 24).**

The early church united together in prayer. They prayed with expectancy and preparation for the coming, promised Holy Spirit. They also prayed for help and wisdom in deciding the new 12<sup>th</sup> apostle/disciple.

Prayer is our line to the heavens, and prayer should always be our “Plan A” in every circumstance we face as a church – whether in joy or trial.

*“Nothing is well done without prayer for the simple reason that it leaves God out of the account”* E.M. Bounds

**3. A Powerful Church is D\_\_\_\_\_ to Place God’s W\_\_\_\_\_ as the A\_\_\_\_\_ in the Function and Direction of the Church (Acts 1: 15-22)**

**4. A Powerful Church Will Make All D\_\_\_\_\_ in F\_\_\_\_\_ as They Follow King Jesus in Fulfilling the Great Commission (Acts 1: 12-14, 26)**