

# CONVERSATION GUIDE

## LET'S TALK ABOUT DEPENDING ON GOD

### HERE'S THE BIG IDEA

*In Acts 4, John and Peter were experiencing prosecution for healing a man through the name of Jesus. When they realize they cannot get through this on their own, they prayed for God's help. Praying for help is not reserved for major healing or forgiveness, we can pray for help in our finances, work, school, and almost all aspects of our lives. God cares deeply for us and wants to help even in the most practical ways. Let's talk about Depending on God!*

### SURRENDERING TO GOD

*"Prayer is not how we get a handle on God, it's how we surrender for God to handle it."*

KEVIN MYERS

### LET'S TALK BREAK THE ICE

**Q: Who is one of the most dependable people in your life? why?**

**Q: What makes it so hard for you personally to ask for help?**

### TELL ME THE TRUTH | ACTS 4:24-31

*"(24) When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. 'Sovereign Lord,' they said, 'you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. (25) You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our David: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? (26) The king of the earth will rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against the anointed one. (27) Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. (28) They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. (29) Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. (30) Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.' (31) After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."*

Throughout Scripture, God gives us examples of how to pray. He shows us that prayer is relational and practical. It's relational because it allows us to get closer to Him; it's practical because He asks us to pray daily. The Lord's Prayer says, "Give us this day our daily bread." We can go to Him for companionship and guidance in our everyday.

**Q: How does John and Peter's prayer in Acts 4:24-31 helpful in the way we engage in prayer?**

**Q: What are some practical prayers that you would pray to God?**

**Q: Why do you think God cares about the seemingly mundane parts of our lives?**

**Q: How can we start showing God that our dependence is on Him for the smallest and largest parts of our lives?**

### GO DEEPER (OPTIONAL)

**Q: What can make it hard to ask God for help?**

**Q: What are some ways you are needing help from God?**

### DO SOMETHING

As we continue the 21 Days of Prayer as a Church, find ways to lean closer into God's presence. A great way to start this is to attend prayer services at your campus during the weekdays and on Saturdays. To learn more about service times go to [12Stone.com/21days](https://12Stone.com/21days).

### RESOURCES

*"21 Days of Prayer – Help Me – 12Stone Church, Jan. 18, 2020*

*"When We Pray" – Tauren Wells [Devotional]*