

Week 21 | LEADER GUIDE

John 15|26-16 | The Holy Spirit's Ministry

ACTS: Supplication

Every time we gather as a small group, we pray together. In Acts 2|42, we read that the early church was “devoted to... prayer.” So *how* do we pray? In his teaching, Jesus used a prayer we know as the “Lord’s Prayer” to teach his disciples how to pray. One helpful tool in learning to pray like Jesus taught is the acronym: ACTS, which stands for:

- Adoration
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication (humbly asking God for something)

For the next few weeks, during the group prayer time, help your group practice using this tool.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What’s the best costume you’ve ever worn?

JOHN 15|25-16|33

Read John 15|26-16.

- What does it say?
- What do we learn about the Holy Spirit? Why is that important?
- What does it mean?
- What does it mean for us?
- What’s one way you could seek to connect with the Holy Spirit this week?

PRAYER

The ACTS (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication) acronym for prayer can help us pray as a group, and on our own, like Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Today we’ll focus on “supplication.”

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray he told them to pray like this: “*Give us today our daily bread.*” (Matthew 6|11).

This sort of request is known as supplication. It’s a humble appeal to God to meet our basic needs each day. Appealing to God for our “daily” bread requires us to trust that what he provides for us each day will be sufficient for our needs.

Start your prayer time today with “**Supplication.**” What is the “daily bread” you need God to provide for you? What is something you want or need for God to supply for you today? Choose someone to open and close the prayer time and invite anyone who wants to simply and humbly ask God to meet that need.

Then, continue your prayer time by asking about prayer requests and how you can be praying for one another.