

## Cell Outlines

Week beginning: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2006

### Theme: The Power of Prayer

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**Welcome:** How many different types of power can you think of? Have you ever experienced power, if so what was it like and how did it affect you? (Discuss briefly)

**Worship Suggestion:** Perhaps you could focus your worship on the greatness and power of God. [If you have musicians you can sing or listen/ sing along with a worship CD or do something even more creative!]

**Word/ Teaching –** God's power operates in us and through us when we pray individually and corporately. Throughout the Book of Acts, for example, we see the power of God becoming supernaturally evident when the church gets down to serious prayer. If we pray in faith, humility and repentance great power is released by God to change seemingly impossible situations.

Discuss - Have you a story to share about any answered prayers recently? Even if it only seems like a small prayer being answered please try and share it.

Have a look at the following passages:

2 Chronicles 7:14 & James 5:13-16

#### **Questions/ Discussions Starters**

- Many people have received prayer at our monthly 'Healing & Renewal' Services. Many have shared how God has answered these in various ways. Have any in your cell received prayers for healing or renewal? If so, what was the result?
- Do you believe your own prayers are powerful or effective? If so, why? If not, why not? (Discuss)
- Some mistaken people reckon that there's no point praying, because God has already decided the outcome before you pray - so there's no point! How might we answer them from the Bible &/ or experience? (Discuss)

Now have a look at Acts 4:23-31.

- Look at the style and content of their prayers. Do you notice anything different/ similar to your own prayers? Have you ever been to a similar prayer meeting? Or should I say have you ever been to a prayer meeting? ☺

Notice how bold and uncompromising these prayers are. What does that say about powerful praying, if anything?

If you have time, without cutting the witness section out have a look at Acts 12:1-17.

- Notice Acts 12:5. What is earnest prayer? Have you ever prayed like that?
- Have you ever had a 'Rhoda' experience, i.e. An astonishing answer to prayer, which was more than a coincidence and/or instant and/or totally unexpected!?

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#### **Witness**

Praying for those who as yet don't know Jesus as their Saviour can be a risky business, but as we are assured in 1 Timothy 2:3-4 it is God's will. It is also God's will that people should be 'whole'. Are there folk within the cell or known to you who particularly need a 'touch from God'? Spend some time in prayer together for them.