

FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT



DISCIPLE-MAKING,
CHURCH-PLANTING and
MOVEMENT-BUILDING
TODAY

INSIGHTS FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

EXTREMOPHILES thrive in
toxic and hostile environments.

RESILIENT DISCIPLES are
needed in caustic, corrosive cultures
that undermine faith and commitment.

FOLLOWING THE SPIRIT
a journey through Acts—inspiring,
compelling, disturbing and challenging.

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CONVERSATIONAL PRAYER

A relaxed and enjoyable experience of prayer
—even if hesitant or inexperienced.

A natural and easy way to pray in groups
—in cafes, at home, the office, outdoors.

It is talking with friends—and including God.

- It does not move around the circle—it is not a series of disconnected speeches.
- It explores a range of themes and issues.
- No-one dominates—some share more, others enjoy listening.
- All are actively listening and participating—no-one is focused on what they will say next.
- There is quiet reflection, discussion, laughter, support and encouragement.

IDEAS—SUGGESTIONS

When conversing with God and friends:

1. Discuss one subject at a time—example: praise, thanks, issues, requests.
2. There is no need to list prayer requests—these will arise naturally in conversation.
3. Listen to others—affirm and respond to their prayers.
4. Each can pray briefly and often—or remain silent to enjoy the conversation.
5. Clarify the prayers of others—so you can pray intelligently.
6. Keep your eyes open—to see and affirm those who are praying.
7. Avoid religious language—speak naturally and directly.
8. Don't pray around the circle—avoid putting pressure on people.
9. Enjoy silence—enjoy being with friends and God.

**Don't make prayer complicated.
Prayer is talking with God.**

EXPAND YOUR CONVERSATIONS
TO INCLUDE GOD