

UNLEASHED!

DAY 4— Humbly Come Together in the Mind of Christ

Acts 1:12-14

Time Alone with God

Prayer

Explore the Word

1. Read Acts 1:12–14. In the list of those who were in the upper room, who surprises you most? Why?
2. Read Romans 3:23. How does this truth call us all to have humility in how we view each other?

Insights from Ellen White:

As the disciples waited for the fulfillment of the promise, they humbled their hearts in true repentance and confessed their unbelief. As they called to remembrance the words that Christ had spoken to them before His death they understood more fully their meaning. Truths which had passed from their memory were again brought to their minds, and these they repeated to one another. They reproached themselves for their misapprehension of the Saviour. Like a procession, scene after scene of His wonderful life passed before them. As they meditated upon His pure, holy life they felt that no toil would be too hard, no sacrifice too great, if only they could bear witness in their lives to the loveliness of Christ's character. Oh, if they could but have the past three years to live over, they thought, how differently they would act! If they could only see the Master again, how earnestly they would strive to show Him how deeply they loved Him, and how sincerely they sorrowed for having ever grieved Him by a word or an act of unbelief! But they were comforted by the thought that they were forgiven. And they determined that, so far as possible, they would atone for their unbelief by bravely confessing Him before the world. (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 36)

Prayer Focus

Pray for nothing to stand in the way of how you value and appreciate your family, friends, and church family.

Family/Friend Circle

Connect Activity

With your family/friends, form a circle with your backs toward each other. Ask, "In this circle, what attitudes do the most to draw us toward each other?" Take one answer from each person in the circle. When they answer, invite them to turn facing the circle—until all are facing each other.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Explore the Word

Read Philippians 2:5–8. What does it mean to have the mind and attitude of Christ? How should this affect the way we treat each other in our family and friendship circle?

Insights from Ellen White:

These days of preparation were days of deep heart searching. The disciples felt their spiritual need and cried to the Lord for the holy unction that was to fit them for the work of soul saving. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden of the salvation of souls. They realized that the gospel was to be carried to the world, and they claimed the power that Christ had promised. (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 37)

Prayer Focus

Pray for the mind and attitude of Jesus Christ. Pray to have the humility of Jesus in interacting with each person in your circle of family and friends.

Church Family

Welcome

Worship in Prayer

LEADER TO EVERYONE: Sit with your small groups. Our prayer team will invite your small group to pray through the Word of God together. After praying for a few minutes, you will hear the prayer team begin to sing one stanza of a song. When you do, please transition from prayer to song.

Thanks:

1. (SMALL GROUPS) Read Matthew 11:28, 29. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for the gentle and humble heart of Jesus.
2. (EVERYONE) Sing a song of thanksgiving.

Repent:

1. (SMALL GROUPS) Read Matthew 11:29, which says that Jesus is humble in heart. Pray for the humility of Jesus to confront pride in your heart. Confess your pride and ask for the heart of Jesus.
2. (EVERYONE) Sing a song of repentance.

Ask:

1. (SMALL GROUPS) Read Matthew 11:30, where Jesus testifies that His yoke is easy and light. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that makes Jesus' yoke light for each one of us. Ask for the Holy Spirit to bless the Word and give His rest to each person.
2. (EVERYONE) Sing a song of the Holy Spirit.

Testify

(SMALL GROUPS)

Form groups of two or three within your small groups. Ask and answer: "What did God help you do with yesterday's 24-Hour Challenge?"

(Yesterday's 24-Hour Challenge: Ask God, "What do You need to do in my relationship with Jesus so that I am ready to meet Him in person when He comes?" Open your heart to whatever God wants to do in you. If He impresses you to do something, take that step in your relationship with Him. Read Acts 1:12–14 in preparation for tomorrow.)

Connect Activity

LEADER TO EVERYONE: Stand in a circle with your small groups. Ask each person in the group to share the best illustration they can think of for the word "UNITY."

Worship in Word

(SMALL GROUPS)

1. Read Acts 1:12–14. Which people listed in the upper room could have caused doubts and concern? Why?
2. Read John 17:20–23. What was Jesus asking God the Father to do for all of us as His followers?
3. Read Ephesians 4:30–32. To what degree should we forgive each other?

Insights from Ellen White:

The disciples prayed with intense earnestness for a fitness to meet men and in their daily intercourse to speak words that would lead sinners to Christ. Putting away all differences, all desire for the supremacy, they came close together in Christian fellowship. (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 37)

Prayer Focus

LEADER TO EVERYONE: With your small group, pray for the humility of Jesus in how we view and treat each other.

Appeal

LEADER TO EVERYONE: Who here tonight needs the heart of Jesus in order to forgive and find complete unity with everyone in this church? I invite you to come forward as we pray for God to work miracles in our hearts.

24-Hour Challenge

Ask God which person in your life most needs your love, kindness, respect, or forgiveness. Follow the Holy Spirit's lead in reaching out to that person. Read Acts 1:4, 5 in preparation for tomorrow.