

4. God is bigger than our problems - Read Acts 4:25-28
 - a. How does the quote used from Psalm 2, fit the disciples situation?
 - b. Read Psalm 2. What does it go on to say about the threats against God and his people?
 - c. How does the prayer apply this to what happened with Jesus?
 - d. How can we use these ideas with other threats we face? (cf. Romans 8:28)
 - e. What are the 'threats' that we are facing as Christians today? Make a list.
 - As people feel able, let them choose one of the 'threats' listed. Name the threat, then say, 'God laughs at such threats' (Psalm 2:4). Everyone else could join in and laugh at the threat as an alternative to saying, 'Amen.' (Out of sync laughing on Zoom may not be an issue and a good way to all join in!)

5. God's Mission – Read Acts 4:29-31
 - a. What is remarkable about what the disciples ask for?
 - b. How do we know God approved of their request?
 - c. What similar things can we ask for in prayer today?
 - Spend some time praying for God's help in his mission.

You may feel that you have covered everything that needs praying for in the session. However, if there are other personal needs that have not been covered do share those and pray for them in the way you would do normally as a Growth Team.

GROWTH TEAMS



PRAYER



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**Week Beginning
Sunday 7th February 2021**

Growth Team News

This week is the last Growth Team meeting before a two-week break. It is going to be a bit different to normal. Rather than the focus being Bible Study, we will be concentrating on prayer.

Growth Teams will return the week beginning Sunday 28th February.

With lockdown we have two Growth Teams running on Zoom:

Mon.	8:00pm	<i>on Zoom</i>
Thu.	8.00pm	<i>on Zoom</i>

Anyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Paul (01843 592562) for more information or to join a team.

Prayer

Acts 4:23-31 (page 1096 in church Bibles)

Space to take notes on the talk

❖ Open your eyes to _____

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❖ Open your eyes: _____

❖ Open your eyes to _____

Getting to know each other

❖ What are your earliest memories of praying?

Responding to the talk

1. Did you have any questions arising from this week's talk?

2. God's People – Read Acts 4:18-23
 - a. Who did Peter and John go to when the Sanhedrin threatened them?
 - b. How is the church described in this verse?
 - c. What benefits are there from praying with other Christians?
 - d. What would you say to someone who thinks that prayer should only be an individual activity?

- Spend some time praying for our church:
 - For a greater desire to pray together
 - For a sense of unity and belonging during lockdown.
 - For a desire to work together in planning and preparing to come out of lockdown.
 - For a clear vision of what God is calling us to be and do.
 - For our re-imagine and re-ignite teams:
 - Compassion – serving the local community
 - Creativity – especially music
 - Children and Youth
 - For effective collaboration with other local churches as the wider church faces the challenges caused by lockdown and long-term decline.

3. God's Character – Read Psalm 146
 - a. What characteristic of God, especially encourages you?

- Take it in turns to say short prayers of praise of who God is, by quoting one of the verses in Psalm 146 as a starting point for your prayer.