



## What's Holding You Back?

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

*Acts 2:42-47, ESV*

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## Season of Prayer and Discernment: Daily Devotional

We ask you to join us as we pray and seek God's will for our ministries. We encourage each person in the church to commit themselves to prayer and scripture to be best open to God's call and leading.

In addition to prayer and worship, we ask you use this reading plan (see calendar below) during your daily devotion time. From February 1st through October 17th, we'll read and reflect on one New Testament chapter each day. By the end of this time, you'll have read the entire New Testament! We believe there is strength and unity to be found in a church that prays and encounters God's Word together. This prayer calendar can also be found online at [www.canonsburgup.org](http://www.canonsburgup.org).

We know many of you have busy schedules. Amidst the busyness of life, it is vital in each of our own lives to seek and be aware of God's presence. A daily time of prayer and scripture will bless you. We're excited to see how God will lead our church!

February 2012						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
			<b>Matthew 1 - 4</b>			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Matthew 5 - 11</b>						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Matthew 12 - 18</b>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>Matthew 19 - 25</b>						
26	27	28	29			
<b>Matthew 26 - Mark 1</b>						

### For Whom the Gospel of Matthew Was Written:

*Jews who believed that Jesus was the prophesied Messiah were scum to Jews who didn't. Kicked out of the synagogues, followers of Jesus formed their own gatherings. Matthew wrote for those Jewish believers in Palestine, for whom the debate was splitting families and for whom "love your enemies" was anything but a nice ideal. But he also took care to record Jesus' insistence that his Message was for the world, not just the Jews.*

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