

## "Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire" (by Jim Cymbala)

Acts 2: 42-47

*Going Beyond* the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on February 26, 2017

### ***Entering In:***

*Point out one or two quotes from 'Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire',  
and share why you are impressed with the quotes.*

1. According to verse 42, what did the believers devote themselves to?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

Which of the four would you desire to be more devoted to? And what can you do to make that happen?

2. Define the apostle.

[How would you argue with a pastor who calls himself as an Apostle? (Nazarene Church)]

What was the apostles teaching?

There seem to be more wonders and miraculous signs in the early church than now. Shall we seek more signs and miracles in the church? Why or why not?

Why do you think breaking bread (and eating together) is so important in fellowship?

3. How would you describe the state of the believers from reading verse 44?

What were the results of their state?

Do we see the same results in our church today? Why or why not?

4. Do you agree with Spurgeon's statement?

*"The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings... From it we may judge the amount of divine working among a people. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if he be not there, one of the first tokens of his absence will be a slothfulness in prayer" (p.28).*

How would you judge your church and your personal prayer life, in the scale of 1 to 10?  
What is your reasoning?

5. Why do you think it gets harder to have a prayer meeting at church?

*“Jim, the truth is, I couldn’t have a real prayer meeting in my church. I’d be embarrassed at the smallness of the crowd. Unless somebody’s teaching or singing or doing some kind of presentation, people just won’t come. I can only get them for a one-hour serve, and that only once a week” (p.59).*

What would be the benefits from praying together?

How would you encourage others and yourself to pray together?

6. In what *practical* ways do you try to dedicate yourself to prayer?  
[e.g. pray in a set time; pray on your knees; pray under the cross; etc.]

What are the three reasons that make us difficult to be devoted to prayer as mentioned in the sermon?

- A.
- B.
- C.

What others reasons can you think of?

What is the biggest obstacle for you to commit to a devoted prayer?

7. Understanding today’s culture, how can you still be a challenger for prayer?

*“Today we have an anti-authority spirit in America that says, “Nobody can tell me I need to change. Don’t you dare” (p.126).*

8. What are the pros and cons about the programmed service?

*“There days we are so programmed that God couldn’t break in if he wanted to. During times of worship in many churches, the schedule of songs and hymns is so rigid that nothing, not even God’s Spirit, can interrupt” (p.134).*

In what ways can we have more dynamic and Spirit-led services while still worshipping orderly?

***Living It Out:***

*Which area(s) of your life needs prayer?*

*How much are you willing to invest each day in crying out for God’s grace and power?*