

Giving Context to the Believer's Prayer Life in the Days of the First Local Assemblies

Passage	Individual or Group?	Assembly or Private	Context
Acts 1:14	Group	Neither	Unity stressed. No assembly formed yet.
Acts 1:24	Group	Neither	For direction in spiritual decision. Still no assembly yet.
Acts 2:42	Group	Assembly	The prayers of the first local church. Part of their basic function.
Acts 4:23-31	Group	Assembly	Prayer meeting for preservation. & power in spreading of the word.
Acts 6:4	Group	Either	Prayer and ministry of the word was the focus of service.
Acts 6:6	Group	Assembly	Possibly just the apostles here. Direction sought.
Acts 7:59	Individual	N/A	Stephen's prayer in death. Shows where his confidence lied. Kneeling.
Acts 8:15	Group	Either	Prayer for the spiritual development of the saints.
Acts 9:6, 22:10, 26:15	Individual	Private	Personal prayer and communication with the Lord. New convert. "Lord what wilt thou have me to do". Etc.
Acts 9:11	Individual	Private	Prayer life of a new believer/all believers. "Behold he prayeth"
Acts 9:13	Individual	Private	Ananias rehearses his concerns before the Lord.
Acts 9:40	Individual	Private	Kneeling. For power to raise Dorcas. Accessing power through prayer.
Acts 10:2	Individual	Either	The prayers of a sincere seeker brought the gospel his way.
Acts 10:9, 11:5	Individual	Private	Pattern/habit of personal, regular prayer time. God spoke.
Acts 10:30	Individual	Private	Prayer heard. Following Jewish prayer sched. Cf. Acts 3:1
Acts 12:5, 12:12	Group	Assembly	Prayer meeting. Immediate need/special prayer focus.
Acts 13:3	Group	Assembly	Prayer for guidance/power etc. before commendation.
Acts 14:23	Group	Assembly	For establishment/confirmation/development of local churches.
Acts 16:16	Group	Unclear	Poss. going to the same location as 16:13. Poss. no assembly there yet.
Acts 16:25	Group	Private	Prayer & praises in the midst of persecution. Prisoners heard.
Acts 20:36	Group	Assembly	Overseers meeting. Kneeling to pray for assembly's preservation
Acts 21:5	Group	Private	Informal gathering for sending them off. Kneeled to pray.

Acts 22:19	Individual	Private	Paul laying out his concerns before the Lord.
Acts 27:35	Individual	Private	Paul giving thanks to God for the food in the midst of the storm.
Acts 28:8	Individual	Private	Paul praying for the healing of Publias' father.
Acts 28:15	Individual	Private	Paul thanked God and took courage when the believers came to him.
N/A			<i>Mentions of prayer that do not fit the above criteria.</i>
Acts 3:1	Group	N/A	Custom: Jewish prayer time then observed by disciples
Acts 8:24	Individual	N/A	Prayer request from a sinner.
Acts 16:13	Group	N/A	Place where Jews would pray in Philippi.