



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 13: Praying

Suggested Week of Use: August 25, 2024

Core Passage: Acts 12:6-18

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### News Story Summary

A new study conducted by Resume Builder shows that nearly one-third of workers (28%) say they are likely to quit their jobs by the end of the year. Of the 1,000 workers (full-time) surveyed, younger adults (ages 18-34) are the most likely to look for another job, and one in ten workers will quit without finding another job first. The top three reasons for wanting a new job include low pay (56%); desire for better benefits (44%); and being too stressed (43%).

For more about this story, search “3 in 10 people plan to quit their job in 2024.”

### Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, group adults into small teams and give each team a piece of paper and a pen. Direct the teams to work together to create a list of movies, TV shows, and songs with work or career as the theme. After several minutes, invite one team to share one item on their list. If other teams have the same item listed, all teams must mark it off their list. Then invite another group to name a song, movie, or TV show. Again, if the other teams have listed the item, all teams must mark it off. Repeat this process until all the teams read all their items. The group with the highest number of unique answers remaining wins.

Ask: *Why is the workplace such a popular topic in our culture?* Note that it could be because our jobs take up a majority of our time and energy. Summarize the study of workers who want to quit their jobs and the reasons for quitting. Say: *We can quit a lot of things: our jobs, a hobby, a marriage, or a church. We can even give up on God by not praying. That’s the focus of today’s Bible study.*

### Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, recall the study of people planning to quit their jobs. Ask: *How might quitting God (giving up on prayer) be like a person quitting their job? Why might Peter have given up on prayer? Why might the other believers have given up?* Allow volunteers to share times when they felt like giving up on prayer—and what kept them going. Point out that when believers struggle to pray, other believers can support them, like the early Christians praying for Peter. Ask: *What answers to prayer can we celebrate? How can we be praying for you this week?* Close out the Bible study by praying for the needs in your group.