

WHEN YOU...

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

APRIL 9 + 10, 2022

MY STORY

1. Would you rather be surprised by a gift or know what you're receiving ahead of time?
2. What is your initial response when you are told "NO"?
3. What movie can you watch and never get tired of?
4. When you pray, what do you find yourself going back to most often? (thankfulness, worship, admiration, confession, listening, praying for yourself or others, etc.)

IN REVIEW

Last week, was there something specific from the prayers of Jabez and Paul that you emulated in your own prayer life? If so, how did you practice it?

DIGGING DEEPER

5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and answer the following questions.
 - a. How do you respond when it appears God is silent in response to your prayers?
 - b. The promise from God in verse 9 is familiar. Reread it with a new perspective. What stands out to you most and why? How can this promise challenge you this week?
 - c. Why does God not remove Paul's "thorn"?

- d. Has there been a time where God has not answered a prayer in the way you wanted? Share.
6. Discuss this quote said by Pastor John:
"The outcome of our prayers should not determine our thoughts of God and His character."
7. Read Luke 22:39-46 and answer the following questions.
- What words or phrases stand out to you most in these verses?
 - How would you describe Jesus's demeanor or posture in His prayer to God?
8. Read Matthew 26:36-46 and answer the questions below.
- Describe the progression of Jesus's experience in the garden of Gethsemane. How did His conversation with His Father begin? How did it end? What role did the disciples play in the garden?
 - At the end of this passage, after receiving a "No" from His Father, what do you notice about Jesus's posture?

CALL TO ACTION | MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE: Spend the next week memorizing Isaiah 55:8-9 and/or 2 Corinthians 12:9. Through these memory verses, meditate on having a peace that we do not understand all circumstances and outcomes, but have confidence in serving a God who knows all.

TAKING IT HOME

In one or two sentences, how are you going to practically and actually put the "Call To Action" sections from above into practice this week?