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## open

- When you read verses 7 – 8 that promises a Christian can “ask whatever they want,” what is the first thing that goes through your mind?
- Have you ever prayed for something very specific and not received the answer for which you prayed? How did you (are you now) process(ing) it?

## dig

- In the message, it was said that the overall lesson of John 15 is that “if we want more fruit, ignore the fruit and focus on a strong connection to the vine.” How does that apply to our prayer lives?
- What does it mean when we say that prayer is relational not transactional?
- What is the link between obedience and prayer? [See 15:7, 16 and 14:13-14].
- If we are all born “poor” (in the image of God, but marred by sin) how might our motives be tainted when coming to a God who has “all power and authority in heaven and earth” in our asking?

## reflect

- Can you think of a place or time in your life where you became frustrated with unanswered prayer? What stirred the frustration? What did you do to do resolve that discouragement (if you have)?