

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Pray In Jesus Name

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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What does it mean to pray in Jesus name?

John 16:16-18 (NLT) "In a little while you won't see me anymore. But a little while after that, you will see me again." ¹⁷ Some of the disciples asked each other, "What does he mean when he says, 'In a little while you won't see me, but then you will see me,' and 'I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ And what does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand."

John 16:19-24 (NLT) Jesus realized they wanted to ask him about it, so he said, "Are you asking yourselves what I meant? I said in a little while you won't see me, but a little while after that you will see me again. ²⁰ I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy.²¹ It will be like a woman suffering the pains of labor. When her child is born, her anguish gives way to joy because she has brought a new baby into the world. ²² So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again; then you will rejoice, and no one can rob you of that joy. ²³ At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. ²⁴ You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

• Answered prayer is possible because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 10:11-22 (NLT) "Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.¹² But our High Priest [Jesus] offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. ¹³ There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. ¹⁴ **For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy...** ¹⁹ And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. ²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water."

John 16:25-33 (NLT) "I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father. ²⁶ Then you will ask in my name. I'm not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf,²⁷ for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God. ²⁸ Yes, I came from the Father into the world, and now I will leave the world and return to the Father." ²⁹ Then his disciples said, "At last you are speaking plainly and not figuratively. ³⁰ Now we understand that you know everything, and there's no need to question you. From this we believe that you came from God." ³¹ Jesus asked, "Do you finally believe? ³² But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. ³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

How do we pray in Jesus' name?

- **We pray in faith, fully trusting & aligning ourselves with the Risen Christ.**
John 15:4-5
- **Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God.**
- **We pray with humble boldness, trusting the work of Christ on our behalf.**
Hebrews 10:19-22
- **We pray with persistence standing on the promises of God.**
Matthew 7:7-11

"The ground of faith is not the sufficiency of the visible means for the performance of the promise, but the all-sufficiency of the invisible God, who will definitely do what He has said." Charles Spurgeon

- **We pray with discernment listening to the Spirit's leading.**
John 14:25-26

• We pray with peace, knowing Christ has overcome the world.

John 16:31-33 (MSG) "I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world."

Big Idea: Pray in Jesus' name to partner with God in His restoration work.

Prioritize prayer in your life.

- Join us for Tuesday Night Prayer – on zoom from 7:30-8:30pm
- Help us start Sunday Prayer in between services.
- Join us for Special Prayer on the Land – Tuesday June 21 from 7-8pm.
- Questions or prayer requests? prayer@sequoiachurch.org



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- 2) Take time to have one person explain and practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation or share their testimony.
- 3) Read John 16:16-33. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What’s the theme of this chapter, or passage? What’s the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What “jumps out” in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What does Jesus mean when he says: “pray in my name”? How does this inform the way we pray and approach God?
- 6) What does Hebrews 10:11-22 and Hebrews 10:19-22 tell us about approaching God in prayer? How does Jesus make this possible for us?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What does it look like for you to partner with God by “praying in the name of Jesus”? How can you partner with God in His restoration work, through prayer, as an Impact Community?
- 8) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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