



Acts 1:14
August 15, 2021 | Dr. Jimmy Stewart

Sermon Summary

God wants to communicate with you and He wants you to communicate with Him. When you need Him, He's always there. Why not talk to Him regularly? All the time? How much time do you spend on your phone each day? Week? Month? We talk to others more and are more connected than ever before in history and yet, it seems, we spend less and less time talking to our Heavenly Father. Jesus clearly taught that when we ask we receive. What is it that you need? What do we need in our church? What do we need in our country? The disciples were waiting and praying in the Upper Room after Jesus' ascension. They were all in ONE ACCORD (Acts 1:14). May we join together communicating to the Lord in this season the same things at the same time with passion and persistence so we can all be in ONE ACCORD!

Diving Into The Message

“Prayer pulls the rope down below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly; others give only an occasional jerk at the rope. But he who communicates with heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously with all his might.” **Charles H. Spurgeon**

1. JESUS ASKED!

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth **John 14:16-17**

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **John 17:15-18**

Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done. **Luke 22:42**

2. WE MUST ASK!

You do not have, because you do not ask.

James 4:2

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Matthew 7:7

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

John 15:7-8

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:11

3. WE MUST ASK RIGHTLY!

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

James 4:3

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

1 John 5:14-15

Five prayers God answers from “Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To” by Anthony DeStefano.

1. God, show me that you exist
2. God, make me an instrument
3. God, get me through this suffering
4. God, forgive me
5. God, lead me to my destiny

We will have Directed Prayer beginning August 29 through December 31 ~ 125 DAYS in celebration of our 125th Anniversary!

Submit your prayer request here... www.fbcgulfport.org/125

Sometimes when we pray, we need to cut it off at both ends and set it on fire in the middle.

12 minutes of prayer a day for 8 weeks

This week!

4 Minutes of Praise

4 Minutes of Return

4 Minutes of Ask



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Life Application Questions

1. What if the sum of your life were the things you asked God for in prayer?
2. What if the sum of our church were the things that we asked God for together in prayer?
3. What should you be asking God for in your life?
4. Why are you not asking Him already?
5. What things should you be asking God to do in and through our church?
6. Is there any reason why you wouldn't start asking Him to do these things this week?
7. Will you submit a prayer request for our church at www.fbcgulfport.org/125?