



Message Notes

Week 2: Does God Really Answer Prayer?

1 John 5:13-15; 1 Kings 17:1-18:46;
James 5:17-18

Big Idea for this week:

Prayer isn't just an action you _____; Prayer is a way you _____.

1. We can live with confidence that God _____ us when we pray

2. We can live with confidence that God _____ us in His way

How can we have confidence as we pray?

Ask God to help us trust Him even in our _____.

Ask God to reveal Himself to us in our _____.

Ask God to show us His will in the _____.

Big idea: do / live 1. hears 2. answers How: disappointments / doubts / delay

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. Think about a time when God didn't answer a prayer the way you thought He should. What did you learn through that experience?

2. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why?

2. How easy or difficult is it for you to pray? Why do you think that is? On a scale of 1-10, where would you rate your faith in the power of prayer? Why did you give yourself that rating? How can you move your answer closer to 10?

3. Consider your prayer life. Is prayer more of an action you do or a way that you live? Why?

4. What does it look like to pray so that you can know God better? How will you pray with that purpose in mind this week?

Prayer: Father, forgive me for the times we've overcomplicated prayer. Remind us that when we pray, we're experiencing You. Give me focus, confidence, and faith when we pray, and help me to view prayer not just as an action I do but as a way I live my life. In Jesus' name, amen

We hope to see you next week as we continue our series, "Asking For a Friend". We will ask the question, "Can I believe in God and science?"