

Group Discussion

INTRODUCTION

What do you expect from God when you pray? What if we approached prayer anticipating change in us instead of Him? How would this change the way you pray?

GETTING STARTED

1. What does it mean to have good will power? What is something your brain tries to make you do, and you have to 'will' yourself not to do?

FROM THE SERMON

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, made you curious, or inspired you to think deeply?
3. Read 1 John 5:13-15. What can you be sure of when you approach God in prayer (vs. 14)? What is the difference between asking God to change the circumstances versus changing you? How do you know if you're praying for your will versus praying for God's will to be done?
4. Read James 4:1-3. Why do we quarrel and fight with each other? How do you think our motives factor into whether God listens and acts when we pray?
5. Read Matthew 7:7-11. What happens when you ask, seek or 'knock'? What proof do you have that the Lord will provide what you need when you pray (vs. 9-11)? Give some examples of how the Lord has recently provided for you.
6. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit right now?

NEXT STEPS

7. What will you do with this new truth or spiritual insight that has been revealed by the Holy Spirit?
8. Please make time to pray together.