



COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Asking is an expression of faith, a way of opening our hearts to believe God and our hands to receive from God.

HEAD CHANGE: You can ask for anything in Jesus' name, according to God's will, and God will do it.

HEART CHANGE: Prayer invites us into a level of greater intimacy and gratitude with God.

LIFE CHANGE: Prayer is spiritual defiance of what is in the way of what God has promised.

OVERVIEW

Archbishop William Temple was famously quoted as saying, "When I pray, coincidences happen, when I stop praying, the coincidences stop happening." When we reflect on our lives and the times when we have prayed or neglected prayer, many of us would say the same thing. Prayer means many things to many people, but at its simplest and most immediate, it means asking God for help. In fact, God not only permits us to ask for His help, but He also encourages us to do so. As our heavenly Father, He loves to show off His love and power by responding to our prayers that are according to His will.

"You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"

-John 14:13-14-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is it easy for you to ask God for help, to pray for the needs in your life? Why or why not?
2. After hearing this message, what do you have been reminded to begin praying for?
3. How has an unanswered prayer encouraged greater faith in God in your life?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for being attentive to meet my needs. Reveal to me what I need to accomplish your will. Forgive me for times when I've limited your will because I've neglected to ask. I want to honor you in all I do. Amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!