



SEEKING GOD THROUGH PRAYER

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read **Luke 11:1-12** and **Matthew 25:29**

Jesus gave us a great example of how we should pray. Prayer is asking God for something. We could pray for healing for a loved one, for a bill that needs to be paid, or for missions work that the harvest be successful. Maybe we have been praying for stuff that we *think* we need. When Jesus prayed, he set an example for us where he asked for the will of the Father to be done. Thy will be done. When we pray we should be shamelessly audacious. When we ask, we know we will receive. When we seek, we know we will find. When we knock, we know the door will be opened to us. We need God to know that we are going to be stubbornly persistent in our prayer. Let us pray for us to baptize 300 new Christians for each current believer, and that they bring 300 and so on. Let's pray boldly and believe big for 2017.

Pray

Dear Jesus, please help me to ask for what I need. I ask for your will, your direction in my life, in every decision I make. I ask for salvation for friends and family. I ask that the kingdom of God be glorified through me. Show me how I can pray audacious prayers.

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Getting Started

- What are some needs in your life that you think you can pray about? Is there anything you've been hesitant to ask God for?
- What do you think about Jesus' example of how to pray in Matthew 6:9-13? Have you ever prayed like that?

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1. When you think about your past prayers, do they mirror the example Jesus gave?
2. Do you ever feel like you are not worthy to be heard? (Do you know that the Father sees us as clean and holy because of Jesus' sacrifice? We are worthy to be heard!)
3. How do you think the Father feels when we don't come to him in prayer when we are going thru a trial, or before we make a major decision?
4. How can you pray for other Christians in their walk? How can you pray for pre-Christians?
5. After you pray, do you listen to hear the will of the Father? What are some of the ways you can listen for his will?
6. Do you have a dedicated time for prayer—what does it look like? How can your prayers be more bold and confident?
7. Have you ever prayed prayers that have unlocked more gifts and blessings than we are comfortable asking God for? Share what happened with your group.

Living Jesus

Do you know who Jesus is? If not, we'd love for you to get to know and love him! Ask God to reveal himself and his will to you. Is there anyone you know who is hurting or having problems? Pray for them. Ask other believers to agree with you as you pray for them. Ask through prayer, believe, and receive the blessings of God. As Jesus reveals himself to you, take the opportunity to tell others about what he has done in your life.