

“What’s the Point of Prayer?”

Matthew 6:7-8, 7:7-12; Romans 12:12; Philippians 4:6 (and more!)

Series: Asking for a Friend

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How can we trust God with prayers when He just answers no? What is the point of requesting anything?

1) WHAT’S THE POINT OF PRAYER?

2) DOES GOD ANSWER ALL PRAYERS?

3) HOW CAN WE TRUST GOD IN PRAYER?

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK:

Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 2:1-11

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: What is something you prayed for that God did answer?

Read Matthew 6:5-8

- 1) How does Jesus communicate that He expects them to pray?
- 2) What are some obstacles to prayer that He identifies here?
- 3) What are some helpful practices we should engage in instead?
- 4) How does God knowing what we need before we ask Him a comfort for us?
- 5) Why do we still bring our concerns before Him if He already knows? (see question 1)

Read 1 John 5:13-15

- 6) Where does our confidence in approaching God come from?
- 7) Why is it important to ask for things according to God’s will?
- 8) How does this verse encourage or challenge you?
- 9) What are some things that you have prayed about for a long time?
- 10) Where can we go to discover God’s revealed will?
- 11) How can we pray according to God’s will?
- 12) How can we pray for you today?