

The Main Thing

As we ABIDE... What does your idea of prayer look like? Is it a regular discipline?

Our Scripture Focus

John 16:16-24

Questions & Facts For Discussion

Jesus is speaking and talking to His disciples. They are confused by what He is saying!

FACILITATOR: Ask: Is prayer ever confusing to you?

Isn't it encouraging to know the following truths based on this passage...

FACILITATOR: (1) Jesus knows what we are thinking before we even ask it. (2) Prayer is confusing at times. (3) Things are temporary... We will get it in the end!

If God **expects** us to pray... WHAT KIND OF **PRAYers** DOES GOD EXPECT US TO BE?

Great **PRAYers** take God seriously!!!

- God desires to do extra-ordinary things - BUT He requires us to ask! We've got to believe.
- When God says something, He actually means it. When He promises, He actually keeps it!

Great **PRAYers** are Promise-Centered!!!

- Are your prayers promise centered, or are they problem centered.
- Ex. "God **I need** you today for my job. my family. my marriage."

Great **PRAYers** demand Great Courage!!! (Because they are dangerous!)

- Great PRAYers boldly demand of God that He live up to His character.
- Moses prayed these kind of prayers (He kept reminding God of His promises!) Psalm 103

The Bottom Line

Great PRAYers ask the **improbable**, expect the **impossible**, and receive the **unthinkable!**

Because of Jesus **command**, we boldly ask the **improbable**

Matthew 7:7-8

- What does He say? Ask. Seek. Knock

Because of Jesus **promise**, we expect the **impossible**

John 16:24

- Ask my Father for anything!!!

Because of Jesus **power**, we ask the **unthinkable**

Ephesians 3:20

- Exceedingly, abundantly, MORE!

Where We Go From Here?

Next week we will continue our ABIDE series on *Fasting*. *Bring Your Bible!*

Talking With God This Week

God, help me to make the time to be with You in prayer this week.

Help me to center my prayers around You and Your glory!

Give me compassion for others, and the desire to lift them up in prayer.

