



LIFEGROUPS

Series: How to Talk to God

Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-22

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—[LET'S TALK]—

- Where your favorite place to go, and what do you do there?

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- How would people respond if you told them that their wants need to bend to what God wants?
- When you earnestly desire something, what is your first action to get it?
- How have you seen people react when they don't get what they want?
- When you pray and get no response, what is your reaction?

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- Read Joshua 1:7-9, Romans 8:5-9, 1 John 2:15-17 and talk about learning God's Will.
 1. Why would obeying and contemplating God's law (His Word) provide success?
 2. What are the characteristics and benefits of living according to the Spirit?
 3. How do you get your mind set on the desires of the Spirit (God's Will)?
 4. Why is God's Will powerful? Why must we align with it in order to pray effectively?
- Read Job 13:13-28, Job 42, James 4:1-10, Romans 8:26-28, and discuss unanswered prayer.
 1. Was Job to blame for his condition and God's silence? What was God doing?
 2. What was impeding prayers in the church that James was writing to?
 3. If we experience a prayer answered "no," how can the promise in Romans 8 help?
 4. What are some other examples of dealing with unanswered prayer in scripture?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- Challenge yourself and your group to pray a Psalm 3 times a day for a week. See what happens!
 1. Select a Psalm (it could be the same one for the whole week, or even 21 different Psalms!)
 2. Read the Psalm through twice. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you listen to what God is saying to you about Himself, you, others and life in general.
 3. Read the Psalm a third time but this time have six questions that you try to answer (see SERMON REVIEW section on next page). These questions are not meant to start a bible study but to help you listen to what God is saying.

—[**SERMON REVIEW**]—

- Scriptures referenced: [Lk 7:22-23] - [Heb 10:19-22]
- Prayer is God's invitation to experience the fire of His presence.
- In His presence God speaks to us through His word. God's word is living, active, and personal; it is the very expression of God Himself.
- In His word, God has given us the vocabulary and means by which we may communicate with Him.
- We want to learn to pray according to the will of God and I can only know the will of God by immersing myself in the word of God.
- God will either give us what we ask or will give us what we would have asked for if we knew everything He does.
- Six questions for listening in prayer:
 1. What is God revealing about Himself that I can use to Worship Him?
 2. Is God revealing to me anything about His Will for my life, for those in my sphere of influence or for His work in the world?
 3. What is God saying about my Needs or the needs of others?
 4. Is God pointing out any sin issues that I may need to Confess and repent over or is he showing me anything that I need to resolve with someone else?
 5. Is God warning me of any areas of personal temptation, or areas I need to protect those I love from falling into?
 6. What is God saying to me about Control and glory? Is there any situation, success or relationship I need to surrender to Him or give Him glory for?

—[**NOTES**]—
