

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of May 1, 2022

One of the best things you can do after hearing truths from the Word of God is to talk about them with others. Here are some questions to help get the conversation started. (hint: the first couple of questions are meant to “break the ice” and get people talking)

- We talked briefly about how prayer is not like finding a genie in a bottle that grants wishes. If 12-year-old-you found a genie and had three wishes, what would they have been? What if you found one tomorrow... what would you choose?
- Has there ever been a time that you were frustrated about prayer and found yourself asking, “Does God really answer prayer?” Tell us about it.
- We saw that God DOES answer prayers that: meet our needs, are “in Jesus name,” and have the right motive. In the times that you’ve been frustrated with prayer, which one of these three was most lacking in your prayers?
- Read Romans 8:26. Can you think of a time that you prayed for something that you really wanted...it didn’t happen...and now you can see that God knew what He was doing?
- Read I John 5:14-15. “Prayer is not asking for what you want, but for what God wants.” How can these thoughts change something that you’re praying about right now?
- How does knowing God and His Word change the way we pray?
- Read John 14:13-14. What is something that you can pray about right now that would “glorify God?”
- The prayers that God answers line up with the kinds of prayers that Paul prayed (**know** God, find **hope** in God, **glorify** God). Share some prayer requests and talk about what it looks like to pray for those requests like Paul prayed...or to pray in a way that God would answer them (meet needs, in His name, right motive).
- Take some time to pray together.

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