



Fellowship Groups

“Mountain-Moving Prayer”

A Trusting Heart Open to Pray

Matthew 21:18-22

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LINKS:

This week's sermon:

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Read Matthew 21:18-22

1. Doug discussed three important principles about prayer that WE can apply in our lives today from Matthew 21 today. We Pray:
 - A. With faith in God - not "faith in faith"
 - B. Believing God's answer is best (not necessarily what we always desire or ask), and
 - C. Believing that God rewards the prayers of the faithful.

As a group, review and discuss together the meaning of these 3 principles to all believers in Jesus Christ.

2. The bible tells us reasons why God will NOT give us what we ask him for (inconsiderate husband- *1 Peter 3*, doing evil - *1 Peter 3:12*, cherishing evil - *Psalms 66:18*, self-gratification & wrong motives - *James 4:7*) Even Paul prayed repeatedly for his "thorn in the flesh" to be removed, but God did not (2 Cor. 12: 9-10). What does this tell us about how God could answer our prayer(s)?
3. Read 1 John 3:21-22 and 5:14-15. How does our walk affect our prayers and expectations for an answer? What can we pray and expect God to respond to?
4. Every believer should have a "strategic" approach to prayer. Read the accounts in Matt. 7:7-11 and Luke 11:5-13 and discuss applying ASK, SEEK and KNOCK to an abundant prayer life.
5. The Bible provides great encouragement to believers who pray (1 John 5:14-16). What are some ways we can encourage others in their prayer life?

Believer's Challenge: Think of one person outside of your everyday sphere of influence this week who you could pray for and with. Let this be an encouragement to you (1 John 5:14-16).