

Prayer Series

September 20, 2023

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. – Matthew 7:7-8

Pastor Chuck is answering one question most of us have at some point in our lives, why do I not receive answers to my prayers? He drives home the first point in his 2-week series.

Not praying in Jesus Name is one reason why we may not receive answers to our prayers.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Are you participating in the 4-week challenge?
2. What was your favorite part of the Jesus Series message from Pastor Craig last Sunday?

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1) Read John 14:13-14 – What do you think praying in Jesus Name means?
- 2) Have there been prayers that you feel God has not answered? What are they?
- 3) Have there been prayers that God has answered for you?

TAKING IT HOME

Pastor Chuck talked about praying in accordance with what God's will is. If what you are asking is what God has planned for you, He will answer your prayer. Many times, we ask God for what we want, but our prayers are under the Lordship of Christ.

1 John 5:14-15 says, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us- whatever we ask- we know that we have what we asked of him.

What is your prayer life like today? Did the truth of this message spark something in you that will help you improve your prayer life?

PRAYER TIME

Give a guided prayer instruction to tie it all together. Be mindful of the time it would take larger groups to get through the prayer exercise. It can be simple.

ACTION STEPS

What is one thing that you are praying for today? Write out a prayer this week that is praying in accordance with God's will and pray it daily.

As we go through the continuation of our revival at Crossroads, is there anything that you as a group want to continue to pray for during this week? Write that prayer out as well.

Pray according to scripture.