

Grace Group Questions

12-02-2018 – John 14:12-15 – Final Declaration of Hope Pt 2

REMINDER: The purpose of our Grace Groups is to help our church family mature in our love for the Lord and each other. We seek to do this by 1. Practical Sermon Application 2. Practicing the One Another's 3. Providing Care 4. Praying Together 5. Pursuing Discipleship. These questions are simply a tool to help you achieve these purposes. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Passage:** Read John 14:12-15

- What was the main point of Sunday's sermon?
- Can you outline the sermon?

2. **Observation – What did you hear?**

- What were the four conditions Scott mentioned as the prerequisites to obtaining “whatever you ask” in prayer?
- Should all of our prayers be directed to the Father? Is it appropriate to pray to Jesus? What about the Holy Spirit?
- Disobedience (Jer. 11:10-11) and doubt (James 1:5-7) are the perfect recipe for unanswered prayers. What else does the Bible identify as hinderances to answered prayer?

3. **Interpretation – What does it mean?**

- What are some ways the believers are to pray in Jesus name?
- **James 4:2–3** *You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.* What does the Scripture mean by ‘ask wrongly’? Elaborate on ‘your passions’. Identify elements in a prayer that would make the asking wrong or the requests selfish.

4. **Application – How does this apply?**

- Spend some time interacting with Paul Miller's diagram in *A Praying Life*.
- Can you identify times in your prayer life when your requests were more about your kingdom being established and your will being accomplished? What are some ways you can proactively prevent these selfish prayers?
- Share one of your favorite prayers in the Bible with the group. What sticks out to you about this prayer?



5. **Prayer ...**