

Life Group Discussion Questions: Assurance of Answered Prayer

John 16:24; 1 John 5:14-15

1. What has shaped your view of prayer the most over the years—your experiences, what you've been taught, or what you've discovered in Scripture?

Read **Hebrews 4:16** and **1 Thessalonians 5:17**. How do these passages expand our understanding of prayer beyond simply asking God for things?

2. Read 1 John 5:14-15 together.

John says we can have **confidence** when we pray according to God's will. Why do you think many believers still struggle with confidence in prayer? What does this passage teach us about where our assurance really comes from?

3. The sermon described God's will in two ways: His revealed (moral) will and His sovereign (hidden) will.

Read **Micah 6:8** and **Deuteronomy 29:29**. How does understanding these two aspects of God's will help us pray with greater trust, even when we don't receive the answer we hoped for?

4. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Yet not My will, but Yours be done."

Read **Luke 22:42**. What does Jesus' example teach us about surrender in prayer? Is there an area of your life where God may be inviting you to trust His will more deeply?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Romans 8:28.

Paul's prayer wasn't answered the way he wanted, yet God gave him exactly what he needed. Can you think of a time when you later realized God's answer, even a "no" or a "wait," was actually for your good?

6. Read Philippians 4:6-7.

The sermon pointed out that sometimes God's first answer is **peace before the problem is solved**. Have you ever experienced God's peace in the middle of unanswered questions? What changed inside you during that season?

7. The message ended by encouraging us to pray boldly, specifically, and persistently.

Read **Luke 18:1** and **Isaiah 40:31**. What is one prayer request you have been tempted to give up on? How can this group encourage and pray for one another to continue trusting God with confidence and hope?

Note from Pastor Jon

I want to challenge you to be intentional about your prayer life this week. Don't just pray when a need arises, make time each day to come into the Father's presence with confidence. Bring Him your joys, your burdens, your questions, and your hopes. Pray boldly, pray specifically, and trust Him with the outcome. Ask God not only to answer your prayers, but to shape your heart so that your desires become more like His. Then pay attention to what He does. You may see Him change your circumstances, or you may discover He's changing you. Either way, you'll find that your confidence and assurance in Him grows. Next week, come ready to share with your group how you saw God at work and how He deepened your trust in Him through prayer.