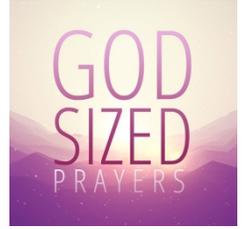




# CONNEXIONPOINT C H U R C H WEEKLY LESSON: 11/6/16



**THEME:** Persistent Prayers!

**MEMORY VERSE:** ““Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.”—Mathew 7:7 (NLT)

**\*\*\*Remember to listen to this week's sermon, review the Sermon Notes Sheet and complete the discussion questions before attending your Connection Group.**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Are you longing for turbocharged power in prayer, the ability to get urgent and needed answers? Do you feel tested at times by the unexplained delay in answers to your prayers?

God intends your praying to secure divine answers. Any prayer answer worthy of persist prayer is worth all the time that we can invest in it. Unfortunately, many of us give up at the very time God's answer is nearing.

This week's sermon and Connexion Group Lesson we will discover the need for persisting in prayer—even when we have a quicker plan of our own.

## **OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Can you think of a time that you were persistent in a prayer request? How long did it last? How was it resolved?

What would you say to other Christians who are facing similar struggle?

## **GROUP LESSON DISCUSSION**

1. What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging from this week's sermon?
2. Do you believe the shortcut mentality is more prevalent today than in previous generations? Why or why not?

What are some of the worst examples of this way of thinking in our day?

3. As life gets faster and fast, do we begin to build up unrealistic expectations of how long should take? Why or why not?

How does it affect our relationship with God?

4. How do unrealistic expectations of time affect us in our relationships with friends and family?

How does it impact our sense of satisfaction with our lives?

5. Think of a period of your life you considered at the time to be an unnecessary delay in receiving an answer to your prayers but you now understand was a necessary part of your journey with God.

How did that delay or persistence in prayer change you in ways you now see as beneficial?

## next steps

This week as you take time persistent in prayer until God answers your prayer, read the following verse:

Day 1: Luke 18:1-8

Day 2: Genesis 21:1-7

Day 3: Exodus 3:7-10

Day 4: Daniel 10:12-19

Day 5: Matthew 7:7-11

Day 6: Galatians 6:7-10

Day 7: Ephesians 6:18-19