

Sermon Resources

Sermon: When God Doesn't Say Yes

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

John 14:13-14, Matthew 6:10, 1 Samuel 12:23

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) The purpose of prayer is to know God so we can do His will.

MAYBE YOU HAVE A BROKEN RELATIONSHIP

MAYBE YOU HAVE THE WRONG MOTIVES

MAYBE YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE GOD WOULD ACTUALLY DO IT

MAYBE GOD HAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT

MEMORY VERSE

As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. - 1 Samuel 12:23 NIV

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

Ice Breaker: You have three wishes. What would you wish for?

What stood out to you or challenged you the most from this message?

Which of the 4 reasons that your prayers may not be answered did you struggle with?

Read Mark 11:24-25. Talk about a time when you learned how your relationships with others can impact your relationship with God. Why do you think God cares about our relationships with others?

On a scale of 1-10, where would you rate your faith in the power of prayer? Why did you give yourself that rating? How can you move your answer closer to 10?

Share about a time when God didn't answer a prayer the way you thought He should. What did you learn through that experience?

What does it look like to pray so that you can know God and his will better? How will you pray with that purpose in mind this week?

Based on this series, what is one thing you're going to do differently in your prayer life now?

End group by praying for each other. Don't ask just "what" they want prayed for, ask "how" they want you to pray regarding that.