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Message Series: Tough Questions...Real Answers:

"Does God Really Hear My Prayers?"

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Message-based Study

Video is available online at: visitccc.com

Connection

Do you remember any prayers from your childhood? If so, what are they?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

"Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden."

Corrie Ten Boom

Prayer is relational communication with God. The mystery of prayer lies in the balance between God's sovereignty and man's responsibility.

You are noticed by God!

Read and ponder these verses; circle the one that speaks to you the most.

Genesis 16:13, 2 Chronicles 16:9, Psalm 55:17, Psalm 56:8

Does God answer my prayers?

1. What answer does 1 John 5:14-15 give you to this question?

2. What do you think it means to "ask according to His will"?

3. Sometimes God answers with a **yes**, a **no**, or a **wait**. According to 2 Corinthians 5:7, what are we to live by? How might that help you as you wait to hear God's answers to your prayers?

How do I pray?

4. Jesus taught His disciples with this prayer in Luke 11:1-4. Write it below.

5. We are to imitate Jesus in the way He prayed to God the Father. Read the scriptures below and write the action of how we are to imitate Jesus in prayer.

Luke 5:16

Luke 11:5-10

John 14:13-14

Ephesians 6:18

6. Read Romans 8:26-27. What confidence can these Bible verses give you as you grow in your relational communication with God?

7. Praying sharpens us for life. Read this prayer from Colossians 1:9-12 that Paul prayed for the church. Underline all the things he asked for from God for the Believers.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Commitment

Below, write one action you will intentionally take to deepen your relational communication with God.



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

This week, as you meet with God, **begin with prayer**. If you are having trouble with what to say, pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples in Luke 11:1-4.