



Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?

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Message Notes

Unanswered prayer is hard to fit into our life puzzle.

Our response to unanswered prayer can affect our current prayer life.

God ALWAYS hears and answers prayer: Yes, No, Not at this time

Jesus, the center puzzle piece of God's grand puzzle, intercedes for us now and always.

Trusting God with the unanswered prayer puzzle piece deepens our relationship with Jesus demonstrating our dependency on Him as we "tremble and trust."

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 55:1-8,16-17; Matthew 6:6-15; Matthew 7:7-12; John 17; Romans 8:34; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25

Discussion Guide

ENGAGE

1. Discuss from last week how you saw acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly in your life.
2. Share a time when you have experienced unanswered prayer. Is that unanswered prayer currently affecting your prayer time with God?
3. Read Matthew 6:6-15. How does Jesus' prayer model compare to your prayers? Are your prayers mostly about you and your circumstances? Others?
4. Read Matthew 7:7-12. How can true joy and thankfulness be developed in the midst of unanswered prayer? In what ways are you noting the three aspects of prayer (ask, seek, and knock) given by Jesus?
5. Share your thoughts on Jesus' interceding for you.
6. What steps can you take personally and as a group as you examine unanswered prayer or prayer in your lives?

APPLY

Set a daily reminder to spend 2-5 minutes in prayer with a portion of the Word of God asking Him to highlight specific truths to you. Be prepared to share new thoughts with your group.

PRAY