

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Sept 14-15, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Praying with Confidence

(I Kings 18:41-46)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Kings 18:41-46.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How would you describe your current prayer life?

What level of confidence do you pray with?

What does it mean to you to pray confidently?

Within these verses, Pastor Alan sees three ways each of us can continue to grow in our prayer confidence.

1. Engaging our Imagination (I Kings 18:41) (Ephesians 3:20)
 - How often, if ever, do you envision the prayers you pray being answered?
 - If you do this from time to time or even often, share some examples.

- As an alternative to simply envisioning prayers being answered, how often, if ever, do you envision God’s love being poured out onto those you are praying for?
 - What value could there be in this practice?
2. Embracing Humility (I Kings 18:41-42) (James 4:6)
 - What does it look like to come into our prayers with humility?
 - Why could it be so beneficial to approach our prayers this way?
 - What, if anything, helps you enter your prayers with a humble posture?
 - Read together James 5:16-18
 - What does it look like to lean into the righteousness of Jesus when we pray?
 3. Persevering with Childlike Trust (I Kings 18:43) (James 5:17-18) (Luke 18:1)
 - With what level of trust do you typically pray?
 - How persistent are you in your prayer life?
 - What potential positive outcomes can result in persistent prayer?
 - Pastor Alan shared that persistent prayer is not about twisting God’s arm but is instead fostering a deepening connection with God.
 - What is your response to this statement?
 - When has persistent prayer helped shape you spiritually (whether your prayer was answered or not)?

Read together the following quote from Tyler Staton. “The reward of prayer is not just answered prayers. It is the abiding communion with the person of Jesus. He IS a miracle worker but the longer we live with him, the more comfortable we become with the mystery of his wisdom.”

What response do you have to this quote?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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