

BREAKTHROUGH

Small Group Questions: Ask: What do I need from God this year?

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Read

Matthew 7:7-11

Reflect

We believe that the one thing that will lead us to spiritual breakthrough in 2013 is prayer. Prayer was so important to Jesus that his disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray. They wanted to know what He knew. During our series on prayer, we want to study what Jesus taught about prayer. Take a moment and reflect in your group – what do you know about prayer? What role does it play in your life now? What role would you like it to play in 2013?

Pastor Greg shared three things that Jesus taught about prayer:

1. God wants us to ask Him for what we need
 - a. Do you ever feel selfish when you pray? Sometimes it can feel like all we ever do is ask God for things we need or want – doesn't He get tired of that? The truth is that God always wants us to come to Him with all of our needs. When in doubt, ask! What about you – do you have a hard time asking God for what you need? Why? What could help you get past that?
2. Everyone who asks receives
 - a. God wants to hear our prayers because He wants to give us good things. We might not always receive the answer we wanted, but we can rest assured that whatever God gives us is exactly what we need. Looking back, has there been a time in your life when God answered a prayer in a way that confused you at the time, but makes sense now?
3. When we ask, remember that we are coming to our Father
 - a. Pastor Greg emphasized that God is our Father. No matter what sort of relationship we have/had with our earthly father, God is the perfect Father. If you are comfortable sharing with the group, what did you learn about God from your relationship with your earthly father?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Life Group support you and hold you accountable in this?

