

BREAKTHROUGH

Small Group Questions: Knock

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Read

Matthew 7:7-11; Genesis 25:21

Reflect

What if all of the hours you spend in prayer could be totaled up and divided into two categories: “Prayers for Me” and “Prayers for Others.” Would the ratio be lopsided? For most of us, it certainly would be! There is obviously nothing wrong with praying for ourselves, but God wants us to remember to pray for others too. This weekend, Pastor Greg looked at the prayers of Isaac for his wife, Rebekah. Why should we pray for others? Why is it so hard to do? Who should you be praying for right now, but aren’t?

Pastor Greg’s teaching centered around how we should pray for others:

1. We should be passionate
 - a. Isaac “pleaded” on behalf of his wife. He didn’t just ask; he didn’t just throw this request in at the end of his prayer. He pleaded. He begged God to show up. When you pray for other people, are you passionate? Here is another way to think about this – are your prayers for others as passionate as your prayers for yourself?
2. We should be personal
 - a. It’s easy to pray impersonal prayers. It’s easy to pray for Congress – it’s much harder to pray for an individual politician! Praying for others can be difficult, especially if that person has hurt us in the past. But our prayers should be personal, not just blanket catch-all prayers.
 - b. What makes a prayer personal?
3. We should be specific
 - a. When you pray for others, are your prayers specific? That isn’t to say that we should all be prying into the lives of others – rather, when we know that someone has a need, are we praying specifically for that need?
 - b. Who can you pray for this week? What specifically do they need from God?

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?

