



Sermon Discussion Guide

Answered Prayers

Luke 5:12-26

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stood out to you (interesting, challenging, confusing, etc.)?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

1) Describe a time when God answered your request.

A HUMBLE REQUEST

- 2) It seems obvious that we would recognize our need if we are making a request to God, but why is it that humility is so important when we come to God in prayer?
- 3) How can you tell the difference between praying for another person with a judgmental spirit rather than a humble one?
- 4) Who in your life do you need to take to Jesus?

REORIENTED EXPECTATIONS

- 5) True or False: I avoid praying for some requests because I'm afraid I'll be disappointed.
- 6) True or False: When I think about my past week, the majority of my prayer life has been about changing/fixing my circumstances.
- 7) Why does having a view towards eternity help adjust our expectations when we make our requests to God?

A FAITHFUL RESPONSE

- 8) Have you ever thought of prayer ending with obedience rather than your 'amen'? Why or why not?
- 9) How were both men's requests answered in obeying Jesus' words? How might your requests be answered in your obedience?
- 10) Think about Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane:
 - a) Where do you see his humility in the request He made to God?
 - b) Where do you see him adjust his expectations in the request He made to God?
 - c) How was his prayer answered in obedience?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- 11) How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- 12) In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to work on as a result of this study?