

One Question Series

Do My Prayers Matter?

Date: 5-14-23

Series: One Question

Series Summary: This series is designed as an opportunity to invite guests as we answer some of the most popular questions posed by our community and beyond.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-20, Matthew 16:24-25, Galatians 2:20

Message Summary: When it seems God is distant and so many prayers go unanswered, do our prayers really matter? Or is there a different purpose for prayer? There is... formation.

Service Schedule: (Worship Leader: Doreen)

1. Song: Won't Stop Now
2. Song: Such an Awesome God
3. Song: Way Maker
4. Prayer: Worship Leader
5. Scripture and Welcome: (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) - Annie Gonzalez
6. Child Dedication - Lisa Hernandez
7. Announcements/Message: Don
8. Song: I Will Rise
9. Blessing: Don

Scripture and Welcome

1. Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:6-9
2. Dismiss Kids (no slide)
3. Welcome (Text/Bulletin Slide)

Announcements:

1. List of Announcements slide
2. Item of the Month



Message Slides

1. Title slide (updated for Wk 4)
2. Questions slide (G-Drive)
3. "I feel thin, sort of stretched, like butter that has been scraped over too much bread. –Bilbo Baggins, *Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien
4. Water to Wine picture (G-Drive)

5. ... “Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves** and take up their **cross** and follow me.
d—Matthew 16:24 (NIV) [Note highlights]
6. For whoever wants to save their life will **lose it**, but whoever **loses their life** for me will find it. —Matthew 16:25 (NIV) [Note highlights]
7. I have been **crucified** with Christ and **I no longer live**, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. —Galatians 2:20 (NIV) [Note highlights]
8. For this reason I kneel before the Father... —Ephesians 3:14 (NIV)
9. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, —Ephesians 3:16 (NIV)
10. so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, —Ephesians 3:17 (NIV)
11. May have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, —Ephesians 3:18 (NIV)
12. And to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. —Ephesians 3:19 (NIV)
13. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, —Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)
14. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. —Ephesians 3:21 (NIV)
15. Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any hurtful way in me and lead me in your everlasting way. —Psalm 139:23-24.
16. Resource Overview (G-drive)
17. Resource Book (G-drive)
18. Resource: Devo (G-drive)
19. Resource: Liturgy (G-drive)
20. Resource: Fruit to Root (G-drive)

Closing Announcementsques

1. Text/Bulletin slide
2. Benediction

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts and that you, being rooted and established in love, have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

And I pray you are filled with the fullness of God to have faith in the One who is able to do immeasurably more than all we could ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3:16-20)

May we be formed in his image. Amen.