

Because of Christ and our faith in him,[a] we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.
Ephesians 3:12

If God answered one prayer exactly as you asked this week what would you ask Him for?

1. In **Ephesians 3:14-21**, what specific things does Paul pray for believers to experience?
   - Which of these do you believe is most needed in your life now?
   - In **Ephesians 3:12** what has made it possible for us to approach God boldly and confidently?
   - When we have failed God, sinned or disappointed yourself, do we naturally draw nearer to God, or withdraw? Why?
   - What does **Ephesians 3:12** teach us about this response?

1. In **Ephesians 3:20** what is the difference between believing God is able to do immeasurably more and actually living with confidence that He is able?
   - Why do you think so many believe in God for eternity, yet struggle to trust Him with their everyday decisions, relationships, fears or their future?
   - When something seems impossible, is your first instinct to ask God, or explain why it won't work?
   - What changes would occur in your prayer life if you believed God could do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine"?

3. The sermon highlighted unbelief as one obstacle to prayer – what does **Mark 9:14-29** teach us about bringing our doubts to God?
    - What is the difference between struggling with doubt, and refusing to trust God?
    - What circumstances most commonly challenge your faith in God's goodness, power or timing?
    - **Romans 10:17** says faith comes by hearing the Word of God – how can Scripture strengthen weak faith?
    - Share a verse that has encouraged you when times were tough.

4. In **Luke 22:39-46** Jesus expresses His desire, and yet submits to the Father's will – what does His example teach us?
    - Why is surrender to God often more difficult than making requests?
    - How can believers pursue ambitious goals while still remaining surrendered to God's will?

5. When we read **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**, **Philippians 4:6-7** it is clear prayer is important for believers – so why do we struggle to prioritise it?
    - What things commonly distract you from praying?
    - What is the difference between being too busy to pray and choosing not to pray?
    - In the Luke 18 passage, Jesus taught His followers to be persistent in prayer – what does persistence reveal about faith?

Bold Prayers:

6. What is one bold prayer you have been hesitant to pray?
7. What would trusting God completely with that look like this week?
8. What is one specific step you can take this week to strengthen your prayer life?
9. How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

Encourage each person to at least pray this prayer:
"Lord I need a breakthrough in _____ and I am trusting You to work in me, through me, and beyond me."

