
UNANSWERED PRAYERS

Week 2: When It All Falls Apart...



What's your unanswered prayer? Everyone has had an unanswered prayer at some point in their life. Whether it's a need for healing, a situation to change, a relationship to be mended, or a blessing that we believe we need, unanswered prayers happen. Unanswered prayers can be tough. What do we do when our prayers go unanswered? What can we learn?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How have you drawn closer to God in prayer over the last few weeks? Describe your experiences.
2. **Read 2 Chronicles 7:11-22.**

This passage comes at the end of Solomon's building and dedication of the temple. After all that he had set out to do was accomplished God appears and speaks (vs. 11-12). What do God's words to Solomon illumine for us about prayer and God's desire to interact with people? How does this shape (or re-shape) your understanding of prayer and God's interaction in our lives?

3. **Re-read 2 Chronicles 7:12-18.**

What are God's promises about prayer? What are our instructions concerning prayer? Given God's promises and our instructions, is prayer in some way conditional in nature - are our prayers more effectual when the proper conditions of heart and life exist before we pray to God? Discuss as a group.

4. **Re-read 2 Chronicles 7:19-22. Then read 2 Chronicles 37:17-21.**

The words to Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7 foreshadow what came to pass some 400 years later. How might this passage shape us as God's people today? What specific actions will you take in your life to draw closer to God in prayer and to cast off the behaviors in your life that create separation between you and God? How can the group hold one another accountable to these?

5. Pray tonight for the revival of the church and the healing of all God's people around the world.

BE THE REVOLUTION

Prayer is the outflow of a healthy and vitalized relationship with God.

RENOVATING THE HEART

...If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).