
UNANSWERED PRAYERS

Week 3: God Please Change My Work.



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. Describe a time when you prayed to either leave a job or be hired for a new job. What specifically did you pray for, and how did it work out?

2. **Read Exodus 4:1-17.**

Ask group members about their understanding of prayer - how does one define prayer, engage in prayer, and what is the overall purpose of prayer?

3. Do you hear an unanswered prayer in this Scripture passage? If so, what is it? Make a list of all the signs that God gives Moses to authenticate his calling as the leader of Israel's deliverance. If one way of understanding prayer concerns communication with God, why would Moses pray or communicate multiple attempts to God that he didn't want to fulfill his calling?
4. In what ways have you prayed as Moses did in your workplace/job/calling? Do you think our human tendency is to avoid difficulty in our work by praying to God for intervention or a "quick fix?" If these prayers go unanswered, how might it affect the way we pray or frequency with which we pray? Discuss as a group.
5. How might the answer to Moses' prayer indicate God's desires for us when we face difficulty in our work or life's calling? How might this change the way you pray, or frequency with which you pray?
6. Take time to pray for one another. Pray for openness and willingness to follow God's direction in your workplaces no matter the difficulty. Encourage one another to be faithful.

BE THE REVOLUTION

Sometimes our prayers go unanswered because God has a better plan in mind for us.

RENOVATING THE HEART

He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him (Exodus 4:16).