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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 19, 2024 | *Words Really Matter: In Jesus' Name*



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) What is your favorite invention of the last fifty years?
- 2) Share about something someone said to you recently that impacted you in a positive way.



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) Share about something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Read **Psalm 33:6-9** together. What jumps out at you from this passage?
- 3) What gives God's words so much weight and authority?
- 4) How can prayer enable you to participate in God's kingdom work?
- 5) Why is it vital for you to pray for others constantly and consistently?
- 6) Why can it be so easy to pray with wrong motives?
- 7) Read **John 5:19** and **1 John 5:14-15** together. How can you align your prayers with God's will? When can you truly pray with authority?
- 8) Share about a time that God used prayer to change your heart, attitude or perspective about someone or something.



GOING DEEPER _____

READ **John 15:5-17** together

- 1) What jumps out at you from this passage that is interesting or thought-provoking?
- 2) According to verses 5-8 what are two positive results from aligning yourself with Jesus? According to these verses, what are two negative results from not aligning yourself with Jesus?
- 3) What does it look like to be fruitful in your prayer life?
- 4) What is the prerequisite for asking God for “whatever you wish” according to verse 7? What should this look like when you pray (see **Luke 22:39-44**)?
- 5) How should asking for something in Jesus’ name help keep you accountable?
- 6) What is the relationship between prayer and obedience?



LIVING IT OUT _____

- 1) Pay close attention to your prayers this week. What are your motivations? Are you praying primarily about things you want or need from God? If so, make sure that you are surrendering those wants or needs to God’s will as you pray.
- 2) Read **Matthew 6:9-13** (the Lord’s Prayer) each day this week. Meditate on this prayer and ask God to help you to pray prayers that better imitate Jesus’ example.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take some time to pray for each other.
