



Message Outline

4 Answers: Asking God Questions Jeremiah 6:16 & Matthew 7:7-14

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Further Discussion & Study



HER LATEST GOOD QUESTION

"How do you hear God speak to you?"

4 ANSWERS...BUT QUESTIONS FIRST

The #1 purpose of prayer is communion with the Lord.

We may default to imperative praying, instead of inquisitive praying.

Prayer is at its best when it's punctuated with lots of question marks.

GOD IS A PRAYER-ANSWERING GOD

{ Matthew 7:7-11 }

Jesus-pursuers' prayers are characterized as a long persistence in one direction, not just as multiple instances of desperation. (Luke 18:1-8)

God will answer your questions. (Hebrews 4:16)

A NARROW WAY

{ Matthew 7:13-14 }

The goal of prayer is to search for and become more aware of God's will.

EVERY QUESTION IS A CROSSROADS

{ Jeremiah 6:16 }

Discernment in prayer ⇨ alignment in action

WHAT'S NEXT?

4 answers = No, Go, Slow, or Grow

Work in more prayerful questions every day.

(Psalm 143:8)

MORE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

✦ How would you respond to someone asking you, "How do you hear God speak to you?"

✦ Which phrase best describes how you've felt about your praying up to this point?

- radio buttons for: best connection, forced and uneventful, me-centered wish lists, clueless, talking with a Friend, untapped power

✦ What's a word or phrase that you hope will describe how you feel about your prayers in the future?

✦ What question are you circling with prayer over and over for today? ...this week/month? ...this year?

✦ Where does your current prayer life fit best on a spectrum like this one?

OCCASIONAL - - - - - many "desperations" PERSISTENT single direction

✦ Which of the following questions might you try to pray this week?

- checkboxes for: What do You think about my situation?, How do You feel about that?, Whom do You want me to notice?, Why do You still love me?

7 MORE VERSES FOR MEDITATION

Psalms 40:8 ⇨ Is doing God's will really my biggest desire?

Matthew 6:10 ⇨ A key phrase in prayer is: "your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Psalms 55:2 ⇨ Especially when we're overwhelmed, we ask God to give us direction.

James 4:15 ⇨ The prayer, "Lord willing" should show up in our conversations with others.

Psalms 65:5 ⇨ Among His titles, God is the Prayer-Answerer.

Luke 18:1-8 ⇨ Jesus-followers' prayers are characterized by persistence, not an instance.

Colossians 1:9-10 ⇨ Praying for others to know God's will (so they can live faithfully & fruitfully) is a great prayer.