

The Life Challenge

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Series: Love One Another

Title: Powerful & Effective Prayer

Key Text: James 5:13-18

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WARM - UP

Share your journey on hearing God's voice. How or when have you heard from God? Here's a hard one, what are your doubts about hearing from God? It's okay to have doubts or unbelief. God often uses these as starting points to show us more of himself.

DISCUSSION

1. Start with reading the passage (James 5:13-18) Lectio Divina style (take 5 minutes to have one person read it out loud. Listen to what God is showing you. What words or phrases jump out to you? Share with the group what came up.
2. Read passages about how Jesus interacted with God (John 7:16-18 & John 12: 49-50). How can you model Jesus in your prayer life based on what he says here?

DISCUSSION CONTD.

3. What gets in the way for you in effective prayers? Read Beth Moore's comments on this and share what you like about it!

"The list of things I don't know is unending. But this one thing I do: entrust your life into the hands of Christ and he will be faithful to you. Though at times it will seem there's no direction at all—no meaning, no feeling, no leadership nor light—put one foot in front of the other and walk by faith. "You are with me, Jesus. You will keep me. My hope is in you. I will trust your words." Don't put a timer on your trust. No "I'm giving you till January." Just keep going. And Jesus will take you places by those ruptured roads, dry riverbeds, and empty hollows you'll live to say you wouldn't have wanted to miss for the world.

APPLICATION

Where or how do you want to grow in powerful and effective prayer? What is one thing you think God is saying to you about connecting with him in prayer? Prayer for each other (maybe break into smaller groups of 2 or 3 people to pray for each other around what you share on these questions)