



***Sermon Discussion Guide***  
***Week of 03/04/2018***

➤ ***Icebreaker***

Share your craziest weather story.

➤ ***Announcements***

Please continue to pray for our facility expansion campaign- we are getting close to our goal.

Pray for our Easter Services in a few weeks- make sure to remember the times for our 3 services- invite a friend.

➤ ***Prayer Time***

➤ ***Discussion Questions***

What do people today think about the purpose of prayer? Why does God want more than 911, SOS, "Bail me out God" prayers? How would you feel if the only communication you had with your kid was a "Send Me Money" sign at basketball game?

Why should we pray when God already knows our situation? Isn't God all knowing- doesn't He already have all the information He needs to do what He wants to do?

What, according to the following verses, is God more interested in than information: Matthew 6:9-19; James 4:6-7,10; James 4:13-16; 1 Peter 5:6-7? Why does God use simple things to accomplish the greatest spiritual outcomes- Isaiah 55:6-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25?

Why is submitting to God so difficult? What are some reasons- often unstated- that people turn away from God's will?

What does an apprentice do when they are learning a new trade or skill? Read Matthew 26:36-46. In what way is Jesus an apprentice Son? Why is it powerful for us to see Jesus looking to the Father for guidance and direction for His own life and future? What does it mean for us to be apprentice sons and daughters of our heavenly Father?

What does Matthew 26:36-46 and Matthew 7:7-11 say about praying for what we want? Did the Father get mad at Jesus for praying for an alternative to the cross when Jesus knew this was integral to His mission? Did the Father get mad because his son asked for bread? How do these two passages help us balance boldness and humility? Why is it vital that we not only pray for what we want but also adjust to what God wants? How did Jesus do this- see Matthew 26:46?

> ***Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...***