



This week we focus on our tenth DNA statement: *We are Bold in faith + prayer ... we believe in a big God and pursue His vision for the whole world to know Him.* Jesus invites us to persistently and boldly seek him in prayer and believe Him for the breaking forth of His Kingdom.

REFLECT (35 Minutes)

How has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you through the sermon this week?
OR
Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

Think back and consider what sort of things have you asked God for in your life. What is one of the more interesting things you prayed for in your past or perhaps even presently?

DIG DEEPER (15 Minutes)

(Read Luke 11:5-13 and 18:1-8)

Everyone has an opinion on what is appropriate or not appropriate to ask God for. What sort of things do you think are totally acceptable to ask God for? And - What sort of things do people ask God for that make you cringe?

Pastor Darren talked about how “desperation” is a requirement for bold faith and prayer. Think of a time you were absolutely desperate and compelled to pray. If you are comfortable share with the group what that season was like? Did God answer your prayer and if so how?

Why do you think we as Jesus followers don't have this desperation all the time? And do you think it is even healthy to have this kind of desperation all the time?

In our reading today, Jesus said, look at how boldly this friend and this widow came to their neighbour and the judge. Look at how bold they were. If they were that bold, how bold do you think that you should be in coming to God - the one who desires to make all things right and has the power to do it?

-What do you think this story says about the character of God?

-What do you think this story says about what it means to be human?

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

Pastor Darren said, “God is telling you and I to be “relentless”, to be persistent - to never give up in prayer.” Why would God operate this way? Why would God ask that of us?

Of the four requirements Pastor Darren invited us to step into - which of these are you lacking?

- Desperation
- Boldness
- Relentlessness
- Conviction

Take some time to identify one place or situation in your life to consider praying into this week. If you are comfortable, share with the group a place you would like to come before God with a greater Boldness in Faith + Prayer.

PRAYER and Mutual Encouragement (10-15 Minutes)

Take some time to pray for members of your group in specific areas of your lives that you want to surrender to the wisdom, love and resurrection power of God. Be careful to listen and then speak words of encouragement or words of knowledge and wisdom over each other.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.