

# CLARITY

CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ABOUT FAITH



## WEEK 6: DOES PRAYER EVER CHANGE GOD'S MIND?

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### OPENING QUESTIONS

(Choose the one(s) that will best get your group talking on this topic)

- When you were a child, what is something big you asked for on your gift wish list? Did you receive it?
- Did you have a prayer you recited as a child?
- What is the funniest prayer you've heard a child say?

### SERMON REFLECTIONS—Sermon from Sunday, October 1, 2017

(Audio and video available at [purposechurch.com](http://purposechurch.com)—Suggestion: bring copies of the sermon outline to look at when you discuss)

- What was most helpful to you?
- What challenged you?
- What encouraged you?

### DIGGING INTO DISCUSSION

#### Read Malachi 3:6; Numbers 23:19; Hebrews 13:8

- If you only read these verses, what would you conclude about whether prayer changes God's mind?

#### Read Exodus 32:14; Numbers 14:12-20; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 21:22

- If you only read these verses, what would you conclude about whether prayer changes God's mind?

From the sermon and these passages how do we reconcile the truths that God doesn't change but Prayer can "change God's mind"?

### **Read Luke 11:1-13**

- What do the disciples ask of Jesus (v. 1)? What special importance does that put on the rest of this passage?
- What does Jesus pray in His model prayer (v. 2) what is the focus of prayer before getting to personal requests (v. 3)? What do these verses teach us about “changing God’s mind in prayer”?
- How do forgiveness and prayer relate (v. 4)?
- What does the parable in verses 5-8 teach about prayer?
- How do verses 9-10 relate to the parable?
- What do verses 11-13 reveal to us about the heart of God and prayer?

### **LIVE IT OUT**

- What stands out to you in this teaching on prayer?
- What is one specific way you feel led to apply this teaching to your prayer life?

### **Read Philippians 4:6**

- What is one thing you have been anxious about, that you want to instead present to God in prayer?

**Suggestion:** Plan extra time in prayer during this session or, next week when there is a one week break from the Sermon series, plan to have an extended time of prayer. If you would like resources or materials for an extended prayer time please contact us at [groups@purposechurch.com](mailto:groups@purposechurch.com)

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### **See the Suggested Resources found at [purposechurch.com/clarity](http://purposechurch.com/clarity)**

Here are some chapters from these resources that focus on this week’s topic

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Here are some additional books that focus on this week’s topic:

Fervant by Priscilla Shirer

Prayer by Richard Foster