

Lesson 2 Learning How to Pray –

Lesson 2 will present biblical references in this manner; St. John 3:16 **a** or St. John 3:16 **b** "a" reference "b" reference refers to the portion of the verse in which the answer is found.

Class Reading: John 16:1-24 *Please note that in class this passage is easier understood when read in the Contemporary English Version (CEV)*

1. What did Jesus say would happen if a Believer (a Christian) would ask =Pray (a verb or action word) to the Father for something in His name according to St. John 16:24? **Ye shall receive it that your joy may be full**

Class Reading: St John 9

2. What is the lesson we are to learn as it relates to the type of person(s) we ought to be if we expect God to hear and answer our prayers according to John 9:31b? **The people were convinced that if a man was a worshipper and did God's will, him will He hear.**

3. Do we have record of Jesus praying for his disciples in John 17:1-9? **Yes**

a. He did not ask God to remove them from the world but do what according to verse 15? **Keep them from the evil (wickedness, sin and immorality)**

b. Do you think there is a pattern here for us as we pray for those we love in some situations? Recognize God as Father; **Vs. 8 - Be able to say we have given them The Word; Vs. 9 Be specific as to who we are praying for when it relates to salvation; Vs. 11 Put them in God's Care; Vs. 15 Keep them from (a preposition used to indicate the source or beginning of something in terms of location, context, or time) evil; Vs. 17 Sanctify (purify them through separation of sin) them, Vs. 19 as we sanctify ourselves; Vs. 24 desire your love ones to be in heaven one day with you; Vs 26 be able to declare to God that you have declared Him to your love ones.**

c. Who else does Jesus pray for according to verse 20? **"those who shall believe"**

d. Are you in agreement then that Jesus prayed even for you and me?

Note: The word "pray" means "ask" Prayer is simply you talking to God. We pray or ask God in the Spirit of God, through the Lord Jesus Christ, to the Father. It is the formula (method) in which the Bible gives to us and we are not successful if and when we attempt to change it.

4. Give me one good reason why we should be technical in our prayers and at some point ask God for whatever it is we are asking for IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD "In Jesus, the Christ's Name" according to St. John 14: 14-15?

Hint: O B ___ ___ I E ___ C E

Lesson 6 will further discuss the importance of the attribute.

5. What, if any, is the promise of Jesus to those who pray properly in John 16:24? **Anything (remember the context of the text relates to eternal life ... righteousness, justification, sanctification, etc)**

6. Jesus talks continually about the procedures and prerequisites of prayer in John 15:7, what two things are important here for effective prayers? **We abide (put up with, stand for, and continue) in Him and His Words abide in us.**

7. WHO is it that Jesus prays to the father and ask Him to send to abide with us forever in St. John 14:16? **Another Comforter**

Take a Look at your how to pray card and your prayer list. You should update the prayer list frequently as God answers your prayers.