

Small Group Bible Study / Discussion

Sermon Series: *Lord, teach us to pray*

Sermon Title: In Jesus Name

Passage: 1 John 5:13-15; Acts 19:11-17; Matt. 7:21-23

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Message # 11

Think about it

- Have you ever used the term "In Jesus' Name"? What did you mean by it?
- What significance does your name have for you?

Examine it

1 John 5:13-15

- Who is John speaking to? What is he telling them?
- What confidence does a believer have in approaching God?

Acts 19:11-17

- What happened to the sons of Sceva who tried to invoke the name of Jesus over demons?
- What was the response of those who heard what happened?

Matthew 7:21-23

- What is Jesus' warning to His hearers?
- What will happen "on that day" when people stand before Jesus for judgment?
- How many will this happen to?

Discuss it

- What does it mean to use Jesus' name?
- Do you have to say "in Jesus' name" in order to pray in Jesus' name? Why, or why not?
- What is the danger of saying something (repeatedly) without thinking about it?
- What do the following passages in John's gospel have to do with praying in Jesus' name?
John 14:6, 13-14; 15:7, 16; 16:23-26
- What do the following passages in Paul's letters say about "in Jesus' name"?
Romans 10:13; 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 5:18-20; Colossians 3:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:6;
2 Timothy 2:19

Live it out

- How can you live your life out doing everything "in Jesus' name"?
- What has this study taught you about prayer?
- What else have you learned through this study?

Pray about it

What does this study prompt you to pray about?

...something to praise God for? ...thank God for? ...confess? ...ask for?

Additional passage for meditation or memory: (see above passages from John and Paul)

Next week's passage: Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:14-21; Philippians 1:3-11; Colossians 1:9-14