Receiving More of God in the New Year

Sermon Discussion Questions - January 9, 2022

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Text
Psalm 63:1-4 (ESV)

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Quote
“Prayer is one of the best ways to receive more intimacy with God.”

Discussion Questions

1. What were your biggest hindrances to spending more time in prayer in 2021? How might you remove or adjust some of these hindrances in 2022?

2. Think of 2-3 people who you could ask to pray with you in 2022. Do these people already meet and pray with you or will you need to approach them about the idea? How will you communicate your prayer needs with each other? How often will you meet and at what times?

3. Over the past year, what are the big things Jesus has done in your life? What prayers has God answered? How has He proven His faithfulness? Write these down. Place them somewhere you will see them often and be reminded of God’s goodness.
4. What are the big things you will pray for in 2022? Is anything holding you back from asking for more? How can you be more audacious in your prayers?

5. Take a minute to write or say a brief prayer surrendering the results of your prayer to God. If you need to, ask Him for help with trusting and letting go.

Prayer

Good Father,

We know You see our every need and delight to give good gifts to Your children. Help us to pray more often and with greater faith. Help us to trust You and remain faithful in prayer, even when we don’t see the results we hoped for. Give us a greater desire for intimacy with You and use our time in prayer to bring us closer to You.

Amen.