BOLD Prayers

SCRIPTURALLY BOLD PRAYERS

Presenter: Matt Shires Scripture: Various Texts

Focus: We can learn to pray boldly by leaning into God's word.

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(week 4) "Scripturally Bold Prayers" Small Group Discussion Questions

SMALL TALK

1. What's the boldest thing you ever remember asking someone else for? (a job, a raise, a date, to borrow something big, to do something for you, etc.)

VIEWPOINT

- Our format is changing (just for this week). We want your group together to go through a process that can also be helpful on your own as you learn how to lean into God's word to pray more boldly.
- Step 1: Choose one of the following scriptures and read it out loud. (Philippians 1:6, 1 Corinthians 10:13, James 1:5, 1 Peter 5:7, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10, Psalm 91:14-16)
- Step 2: Go through the following list of questions for each scripture.
 - What seems to be the promise that is being made here?
 - Is this a promise or a principle? (Promises are always fulfilled 100 percent of the time; principles state general truths.)
 - -Based on the context of this verse (you may have to look at the whole chapter) does this seem like a promise that is made to a specific person at a specific time for a specific reason, or does this seem like a promise that can also be applied to us here today? Why or why not?
 - Does this promise contain an "if"? Are there conditions to this promise? Does God require something of me in order to fulfill this promise?
 - -Does this promise seem like it is universally true all the time? Or only in certain situations? What are those situations?
 - -What would be my motive in claiming this promise and applying it to myself? Would claiming this promise and applying it to me today help me to submit to God's rule in my life or would it be a way of trying to coerce God into bending His will to match mine?
 - -If this promise was fulfilled in my life, would it help me grow in godliness and humility?
 - If this promise is true and I can count on it, what are the implications for me?
 - If I lived like this promise was 100% true, how would I live?

Step 3: Repeat with a new scripture passage.

MAKING PROGRESS

3. How could any of the above promises impact your prayer life this week? How can we encourage each other to take a practical step this week?