

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS 5th MAY 2013
A Church without walls has attitude (2 Chronicles 7:11-22)

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Do you wonder if God hears your prayers? Or do you struggle with prayers that don't seem to get answered? Or have you tried praying and concluded it doesn't work?

God knows we struggle with these questions, and in vs. 14, He gives us four attitudes that we need to adopt in order for our relationship with God to deepen. He promises that he will then hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land.

These four attitudes are: humble yourself, pray, seek God's face and turn from your wicked ways.

1) Humble yourself

- a. What do you think of when you hear the word 'humility'? What do you consider 'humble' behaviour?
- b. Humility means dethroning ourselves and enthroning Jesus as Lord in our lives. What does it mean to behave as if 'Jesus is Lord'. How does this differ from modern individualistic culture?

2) Pray

- a. Life is about relationship. How do you build a meaningful relationship with a person? In what way(s) is building a relationship with God through prayer the same or different?
- b. In what way can a close relationship with God be rewarding? How do people in the group experience God's presence?

3) Seek God's face

- a. Read Luke 15:1-10. These parables show the intensity with which God searches after us. What does it teach us about 'seeking God's face'?
- b. Fasting and attending a renewal prayer meeting are expressions of our longing to seek God's face. In what other ways can we seek God's face?

4) Turn from your wicked ways

- a. Read Romans 6:1-4. Why is it important to stand firm against sin? Does God's grace mean that sinning doesn't matter any more?
- b. In what ways can we fight against sin? What weapons do we have to stand strong?

Like Solomon, we can come to God with wrong attitudes: in arrogance, in sin, with indifference. Praise God that we are forgiven and free on account of another king, a perfect King Jesus. End off by thanking God for Jesus in the words of Philipians 2:6-11.