



Boundaries and Barriers

January 6 – January 12

RELATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Ask people about their Christmas and New Year Eve highlights before group gets started.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Do you ever feel like your prayers don't make it any further than the ceiling? Do you question if God's even listening sometimes? This weekend we kick off our *Pray Big*, a new message series where we will learn how to take our prayers to a whole new level.

SERMON SCRIPTURES

Matthew 7:7-11; James 4:2-4; Isaiah 58:8-9; 1 John 5:14-15; Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalm 66:18-19; 1 Peter 3:7; James 1:19; Ephesians 4:26-27; Mark 11:25; James 4:3.

STARTING THE DISCUSSION

If your group needs a “jumpstart” to get going, use the icebreaker or a simple open-ended question such as “What stood out to you most about this week’s sermon?”

ICEBREAKER SUGGESTION

When was a time your parents did not give you something you asked for while you were growing up?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe your current prayer routine? Do you use different prayer practices?
2. Which type of answer do you think is most frustrating: no, wait, or grow? Why?
3. Which “barrier” to prayer do you feel effects your prayers the most? (misunderstanding God’s will, unconfessed sin, relational conflict, unforgiving spirit, or selfishness)
4. How can you be a more faithful “prayer warrior” in 2019?
5. Spend extra time this week praying for God’s will to be done *in* and *through* your life group.