



Sermon Discussion Guide

Hearing God's Voice

Week 6: Praying Dangerous Prayers

Psalm 139:23-24, 32:1-8, 51:10-12 | September 6, 2020

Big Idea

We must pray reflectively and mindfully in order to hear God's voice.

Opening Question

Who do you have in your life that truly knows the real you?

General Sermon Questions

What do most of the prayer requests you hear sound like? What do we typically ask when we pray for ourselves?

Key Scripture Questions

1. Read **Psalm 139:1-6**. Is being fully known by God reassuring or concerning to you? Why?
2. Read **Psalm 139:23-24**. This prayer says, "**Search me.**" Why do we tend to find fault in others before we see it in ourselves? What benefit is there in exploring our own faults?
3. Read **Psalm 32:1-7**. This prayer says, "**Forgive me.**" Why do we tend to avoid asking God for forgiveness? Which is the bigger hindrance that prevents you from that prayer; pride or shame?
4. What can happen to us when we don't ask God for forgiveness? If you're willing, share an example from your own life.
5. Read **Psalm 51:10-12**. This prayer says, "**Change me.**" What's the difference between a heart change and a behavior change?
6. How can a change of heart lead to the restoration of joy? Share an experience you've had with this.

Concluding Questions

"*Search me.*" "*Forgive me.*" "*Change me.*" Why is it important to pray these prayers in the order presented? What kind of change happens in our hearts when we pray all three?

Application Questions

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

"Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for knowing us fully and loving us unconditionally. Please help us to know ourselves so we can seek forgiveness and turn our hearts toward You. Amen."