

THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

“How Does God Speak To Us?”

Prayer is a dialogue with God, which means that we talk to him and he talks to us. How do we hear the voice of God? Exactly how does God speak to us? How does God communicate his answers to our prayers? Today's teaching will help us understand the different ways God talks to us.

#1. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER THROUGH _____

- A. God's precepts serve as our counselors, Ps 119:24
- B. God's word is a lamp that guides our steps, Ps 119:105
- C. God's word speaks love & comfort to us, Ps 119:76-77
- D. God's Spirit works through his word, Rom 5:5

#2. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER THROUGH OUR _____

- A. Paul realized God opened a door for him in Ephesus, 1 Cor 16:8-9
- B. Paul prayed for an open door for the gospel, Col 4:3
- C. Prayers are answered by open or closed doors: the example of Moses, Deu 3:25-27

#3. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER THROUGH _____

- A. God spoke to Abraham in a vision, Gen 15:1-5
- B. God spoke to Peter in a vision, Acts 10:19
- C. God spoke to Paul in visions, Acts 16:6-10, 2 Cor 12:1-2
- D. God spoke to Daniel in dreams & gave him the ability to interpret dreams, Dan 5:12
- E. God spoke to Joseph in a dream, Gen 37:5
- F. God speaks to us through visions dreams & prophetic words in this age, Acts 2:17

#4. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER THROUGH _____

- A. God spoke to David through Nathan, 2 Samuel 12:7
- B. God spoke to Moses through Jethro, Exodus 18:17-23
- C. God speaks to us through prophetic words, 1 Cor 14:3

#5. GOD ANSWERS PRAYER THROUGH THE _____ OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. God speaks to our spirit through the Holy Spirit, Rom 8:16
- B. God speaks to groups of people through impressions, Acts 13:1-3, 15:28
- C. God speaks to us by giving us peace, John 14:27, 16:33, Phil 4:6-7

NOTES:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Prior to hearing this teaching, how did you think God speaks to us?
- #2. Why is it important to consult Scripture when seeking an answer to prayer?
- #3. Why is it important to look at our circumstances as we pray to God?
- #4. Why should we embrace “NO” answers to prayer?
- #5. What conclusions can you make about prayer based on the conversation Moses had with the Lord about entering the promised land? (Deu 32:25-27)
- #6. What are your thoughts about God speaking to us through dreams and visions (Point #3 on the outline)? Has God ever spoken to you through this medium?
- #7. Read Acts 2:17-18 and discuss the implications of how God speaks to us and may answer prayer.
- #8. Has God spoken to you through other people? Explain
- #9. Discuss the implications of how speaks to us after reading the conversation Jethro had with Moses. Exo 18:17-23
- #10. What does it mean when the Bible says the Holy Spirit bears witness to our spirit? (Point #5 on the outline)
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome to Hillcrest Church!

*Love, Acceptance &
Forgiveness!*

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.
Show me the wonders of your great love
Psalm 16:6-7*

October 16, 2022
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY OCTOBER 16th

Pastor Bruce is continuing his messages on prayer, which coincide with the 30-day Prayer Challenge. Pastor Bruce's message this morning is titled "How Does God Speak to Us?"

THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

Keep praying for the revitalization of Hillcrest Church. Visit our website (HillcrestRoseville.com) or Face Book page every day where you will find Scripture and suggestions of how you can pray for the church.

NEXT WEEK – OCTOBER 23

Aaron Olsen will deliver an inspiring message about prayer. Pastor Bruce and Carol will be out of town celebrating their 29th anniversary.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm
Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestroseville.com) to access the gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

FACILITY UPGRADES – THE KITCHEN & UPSTAIRS CHILDREN'S AREA

The kitchen remodel is almost done. Take a look at it and see the difference between the before and after. There are just a few minor things that need to be done to complete the remodel. Thanks to all who helped! If you want to contribute money to this effort write "building fund" in the memo of your check.

HALLOWEEN OUTREACH / FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Combined trunk-or-treat, carnival games, free snack bar event in our parking lot. Last year over 200 people came through. We need lots of help:

- **BORROWED** Searchlights, light bulb strings; long extension cords and stands for mounting lights to light the entire parking lot
- **VOLUNTEERS** to run 4 carnival game stations (basket-ball toss, corn hole and tin can pyramid toss etc.) Candy distributed as prizes.
- **VOLUNTEERS** for 8-10 Trunk-or-Treat stations—decorate your car, dress up in costume and give out candy. (The church will supply all the candy you need)
- Help before and after the event to set up and clean up.
- Donate wrapped candy to the church starting now and up to Oct 31. Drop off point by the kitchen.

Contact Kathy Brooks 96-847-8123 or sign up on clipboard (by offering box) to help.

CIRBY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REQUESTS OUR HELP

A guidance counselor from the school reached out to Hillcrest and asked if we could supply mentors from our church (preferable men) to help some select students who could use a caring adult in their life. We could meet with the students at lunch time who are in desperate need of a guiding presence in their lives. If you are interested sign up at the information table.