



**Series** How Can You Be Sure?

**Passage** 1 John 5:11-15

**Title** The Power of Praying God's Will - Part 1

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**Discussion Starter** – If prayer is one of the most important components in our relationship with God, why do you think it is often the most neglected?

### **Jesus Grants Our Prayers** (1 John 5:11-15)

- Prayer is the act of seeing reality from God's point of view. Describe what you think the purpose of prayer is from God's point of view. How should that impact us in how we pray?
- Read 1 John 5:11-13. What important contextual information in these verses give us greater understanding to have confidence in the power of our prayers?
- Read 1 John 5:14-15. How do we know if we are praying according to God's will?
- Read John 14:13-14, 15:16-17. What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name? How does praying in God's will transform our lives?
- Read Mark 11:23-24 and Matthew 7:7-11. Discuss some of the things mentioned in these verses that can hinder us from having our prayers granted. Describe in your own words the different aspects of asking, seeking and knocking as they pertain to our prayer lives.
- Why is it so important to see our Heavenly Father in a different light than our earthly fathers?

### **Pray God's Will Into Your Life** (1 John 5:14-15)

- How is intercessory prayer different from all other prayers as it pertains to praying God's will in our lives?
- What are some practical suggestions to make sure we are praying in God's will? Read James 1:12 and Romans 12:1-2. How do these verses help us when we feel the pull of temptation to sin?
- God wants to have us partner with Him in His will for our lives. What are some examples of how we do this? Read 1 Peter 3:1-4. In what way is the instruction to wives so radically different than what is taught in our society today? What are some of the practical principles you see that are contained in these verses? How might our prayers be different if we were to apply these principles to our prayers?