


Week of April 12, 2026 - We Have What We Ask!? Small Group Lesson 13

# Connect

Can you think of a time when you desperately wanted a specific outcome, but looking back, you are grateful that things didn't go your way?

# Verses - 1 John 5:14-17 (CSB)

**READ ALOUD:**

14 This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked of him. 16 If anyone sees a fellow believer committing a sin that doesn’t lead to death, he should ask, and God will give life to him — to those who commit sin that doesn’t lead to death. There is sin that leads to death. I am not saying he should pray about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin that doesn’t lead to death.

**Briefly restate the context. How is it encouraging, challenging, comforting, etc.?**

# Study: **Answer the questions together based on the Bible verses.**

1. What is the specific condition that must be met in order to have the confidence that God hears our prayers? (v.14)

2. If we know that God hears whatever we ask, what is the guaranteed result that we can know for certain? (v.15)

3. When a believer prays for a brother who is committing a sin that doesn't lead to death, what exactly will God give to that sinning person? (v.16)

4. How does John define "all unrighteousness," and does every instance of unrighteousness lead to death? (v.17)

# Share

**DISCUSS 1**
Pastor Takeshi compared being immersed in the "life of the Son" to learning a new language by living in the culture, rather than just correcting a few behaviors. What practical habits or rhythms help you stay immersed in His life so you can think, respond, and love like Him?

**DISCUSS 2**
Pastor Takeshi mentioned that if God delays an answer to teach us to depend on His grace, we might become angry, thinking He isn't hearing us. How can we practically support and encourage each other during these frustrating seasons of waiting?

**Minister to one another sharing specific prayer requests.**