

Bible passages

From the Video - Matthew 7:7-11, Matthew 18:19

Summary points

- The Father loves to give good gifts.
- Traffic lights: Yes, Wait, No.
- Sometimes we need to “stack dominoes” and persevere in prayer

From Steve's Talk – 1 Thess 5.15-18; Phil 4.6-7

Discussion

Q. What did you find most helpful or most challenging in the video and in Steve's Talk?

“Although God knows our need, he does still want us to speak it to him”

Q Why do you think God wants us to do this?

Q. Poppy pointed out that it's often easier to believe God can change things in our hearts rather than change things in the world. Do you agree?

*Pete used the traffic light analogy to describe different ways God responds to our prayers:
Green: Yes - Amber: Wait / Persevere - Red: No*

Q. Are you experiencing a “green”, “amber” or “red” response to any specific prayers for yourself at the moment? Share your experiences together.

Prayer

In smaller groups, take time to pray for one another's prayer requests for yourselves.

Remember the following as you pray:

- Pray incrementally: Pray for a specific next step, rather than jumping to the top of the staircase.
- Pray the promises of God: Is there a specific promise that relates to the situation?

Toolshed Resources: Petition

These can be found at prayercourse.org/toolshed

- Palms up, Palms down
- How to Maintain a Prayer List
- How to Pray the Promises of God