

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- If you could ask God for anything, what would it be? Why would you ask for this?

**Read** Mark 11:24-25, 1 Peter 3:7, James 4:3, and Proverbs 16:2. These verses tell us that broken relationships and having the wrong motives can cause unanswered prayers.

- Describe a time when God didn't answer a prayer of yours. What did you learn from your unanswered prayer?
- What are you praying about that God has yet to answer? How have you reacted to your unanswered prayer?
- What broken relationships may be hindering your prayers? What steps will you take to restore them? Ask God to help you restore those broken relationships that may be hindering your prayers.
- What wrong motives may be hindering your prayers? What will you do to change these motives? Ask God to help you check your motives to ensure they are the right ones when you pray.

**Read** Mark 9:22-23, James 1:6-7, and 1 John 5:14-15. These verses tell us that our prayers are sometimes not answered because we don't believe God will do it and because God may have something different planned for us.

- What things are hindering your faith in God that He will answer your prayers?
- How does knowing that sometimes you might not understand the way God answers prayers make you feel?
- How have you seen God work in your life through unanswered prayers?
- What changes in your thinking do you need to make so you can better understand unanswered prayer? Ask God to help open your mind so you can have a better understanding of why He doesn't always answer prayer.

Thank God for the prayers He has answered in your life. Take time to praise Him for all He has done.