

# Discussion Questions

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## God with Us: Our Lives Empowered by His Presence



1. Read John 16:21-24

What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name?

2. Read John 14:13-14, John 15:16, 1 John 3:20-23

What kind of prayer is Jesus asking His disciples to pray?

What kind of life does He expect His disciples to be living?

3. Have you ever prayed and seen God clearly answer your prayers?

Please share an example or two if you are willing.

4. Read John 16:26-27

Jesus says that He will no longer ask the Father on their behalf, but they can go to Him directly?

Why does this matter for the disciples? And what difference does it make for us today?

5. Read John 16:33

What does it mean that Jesus says the disciples "may have peace" and that they "will have tribulation?"

What is the significance of Jesus saying they can "Take heart because He has overcome the world?"

6. How would you summarize Jesus' message to the disciples in John chapter 14-16?

7. What are you currently asking the Lord for that requires complete dependence upon Him to work in and through you for His glory? If not, what would God have you ask of Him?



**John 16:23-27**

And on that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full. "These things I have spoken to you in figures of speech; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech, but will tell you plainly about the Father. On that day you will ask in My name, and I am not saying to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father

**John 16:20-22**

Truly, truly I say to you that you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy! Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world. Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one is going to take your joy away from you.

**John 15:11**

These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

**Acts 19:13-16**

A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, "I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!" Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

**John 14:12-14**

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

**John 15:7-8**

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

## **John 15:16-17**

*I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other.*

## **John 16:23-24**

*I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.*

## **1 John 3:21-23**

*Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us.*

## **1 John 5:14-15**

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

## **Context of asking in Jesus' name**

- John 14:13-14 - Doing the same works as Jesus & bringing glory to the Father
- John 15:7 - Abiding in Jesus & Bearing fruit that glorifies the Father
- John 15:16 - Producing lasting fruit & Loving One Another
- John 16:23-24 - Asking the Father directly using Jesus' name
- 1 John 3:20-23 - Coming to God with confidence when they are obeying His command to love one another
- 1 John 5:14-15 - Asking according to God's Will

## **The Message - John 16:23–24**

*This is what I want you to do: Ask the Father for whatever is in keeping with the things I've revealed to you. Ask in my name, according to my will, and he'll most certainly give it to you. Your joy will be a river overflowing its banks!*

## **Matthew 6:9-10**

*Pray, then, in this way: Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.*

## **James 4:2b–3**

*Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. 3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.*

**John 16:26–27**

*Then you will ask in my name. I'm not saying I will ask the Father on your behalf, for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God.*

**Eph 3:12**

*Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.*

**John 16:33**

*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.*

**John 14:1**

*Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me*