

# Life Group Discussion Guide

# November 2: 1 John 5:13-15 --- Bold Prayers

## Icebreaker:

When have you asked for something boldly—maybe as a kid, a student, or in prayer—and were surprised by the response? (Encourage lighthearted examples before shifting toward prayer-related reflection.)

## **Discussion Questions:**

Leaders: Every group is different! As you prepare, choose the questions that best fit your group and focus on the ones that spark meaningful conversation. Don't rush—depth is better than distance. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion!

Big Idea: When you are confident in your standing, you are bold in your asking!

#### 1. The Position of Prayer – Confidence in Christ

- Read: 1 John 5:13, Luke 10:17–20
- Do you have the tendency to question whether or not God will listen to your prayers based on your performance? How does our *position in Christ* (as God's children) give us confidence to pray boldly, even when we feel unworthy or inadequate?
- Jesus told His disciples not to rejoice in their power but that their "names are written in heaven." How does this perspective shape the way we approach prayer today? Do you think we tend to value the things of this world more than what's coming?
- What might change in your prayer life, either how you pray or what you pray for, when you focus more on your identity in Christ than on your spiritual performance?

#### 2. The Promise of Prayer – God Hears and Responds

- **Read:** 1 John 5:14–15, Psalm 44:23–24, Job 30:26–27
- What do these passages reveal about how people in Scripture experienced both disappointment and trust in prayer?
- Have you ever felt like God didn't hear you? Looking back, how do you see His presence or purpose even in His silence?
- Are you willing to be disappointed in prayer so that you can also be dazzled in prayer?

- Paul David Tripp said, "Prayer is meant to remind you your little world... is not ultimate." What does that quote mean to you personally?
- How can you continue to pray boldly even when God's answer is "No" or "Not yet"?

### 3. The Power of Prayer - Aligning with God's Will

- Read: 1 John 3:22; John 15:7; 1 John 5:14
- John lists three conditions of powerful prayer: obedience, remaining in Christ, and praying according to God's will. Which of these feels most natural to you? Which is most challenging?
- Pastor Tyler Staten said, "The aim is not to get God in on what I think He should be doing, but to get us in on what God is doing." What helps you align your prayers with God's purposes rather than your own desires?
- D.L. Moody prayed daily for 100 lost people by name. If God said "yes" to every one of your prayers today, whose kingdom would benefit—yours or His?

### 4. Reflection and Application:

- Prayer Challenges:
  - o Create your own "**Bold Prayer List**" this week—people far from God, areas of spiritual growth, or ways you want to join what God is already doing. Pray over it daily.
  - Write down up to 10 names of people who don't yet know Christ. Pray for them **intentionally and consistently**—for open hearts, divine encounters, and opportunities to share Jesus.

## Group Practice:

 Spend time praying together now. Pray bold prayers for salvation, healing, courage, and alignment with God's will.

# What's Happening in the Life of Legacy:

More details on these events can be found at <a href="lcc.org/whats-happening">lcc.org/whats-happening</a>

#### **All Campus**

- Legacy's Annual Banquet: November 16. 5:00pm. Overland Park Convention Center. Learn More Here!
- **Guatemala Mission Trip, May 24 29, 2026:** Interest Meeting at the Blue Valley Campus. November 9. 12:30pm. <u>Learn More Here!</u>

# **Local Serving Opportunities to Share with Your Group:**

These are the serving requests we have received over the past few weeks!

Firm Foundations Prison Ministry – For more info, contact Matt at <a href="mailto:matt@firmfoundationsministries.org">matt@firmfoundationsministries.org</a>.

• Top needs: Volunteers to teach classes at the Lansing prison on Friday mornings.

House of Hope KC – For more info, contact Amy Burgess at amy@houseofhopekc.net.

- Spanish Tutors
- Language Arts Tutors