

7. Compare and contrast the following three passages on prayer: John 14:13-14; 15:7-8; and 1 John 5:14-15. What phrases or elements do they share in common? In each case, a promise is made contingent upon certain qualifications being met. What are the qualifications in each passage? Do you think these qualifications are different ways of saying virtually the same thing, or are they more distinct from each other? Why?

8. Are you praying for and participating in doing greater things than Jesus did? Do you believe that you should be?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Julie Denker - FamilyLife Ministries, Little Rock, Arkansas
Pray for strong families; for parents who teach the word of God to their children as they walk the paths of life. Pray that God would be pleased to grant grace to Julie each day and that many will come to know Jesus through FamilyLife.

Sermon Notes

"Ask in His Name"

John 14:12-14

October 16, 2016

Introduction:

1. This prayer is for _____ (14:13)

2. This promise is for _____ (14:10-12)

3. This prayer is for _____ (14:12)

4. This prayer is _____ (14:13-14)

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-16-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., John: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 155-56; Jim Petersen, Living Proof, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1989, pp. 238-39; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 177-78.

Getting Started:

“Miss Watson she took me in the closet and prayed, but nothing come of it. She told me to pray every day, and whatever I asked for I would get it. But it warn’t so. I tried it. Once I got a fish-line, but no hooks. It warn’t any good to me without hooks. I tried for the hooks three or four times, but somehow I couldn’t make it work.” - Huckleberry Finn, in Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain, ch. 3.

1. Do you identify with Huck at all? How so?

2. Who do you know who has rejected the claims of Christ and of the Bible because of unanswered prayer?

Digging Deeper:

3. Read John 14:7-12. What do you think are the “greater works” or “greater things” that the disciples will do?

4. Read John 15:1-8. What are the parallels between the promised “fruit” and the “greater things” of 14:12?

5. In the Gospel of John, the phrase “in my name” occurs in 14:13, 14, 26; 15:16; 16:23, 24, 26. All but the 14:26 instance are in the context of instructing disciples to pray “in Jesus’ name.” A similar phrase occurs in 15:21, “all these things they will do to you *for My name’s sake*.” In order to get a better handle on the meaning, see four other examples of things said to have been done (or that will be done) in the name of someone else. Look up each passage and complete the chart.

Passage	What action was done?	Who performed the action?	In whose name?
John 5:43a			
John 10:25			
John 14:26			
John 17:12			

6. From these other uses of the phrase “in the name of _____,” what can we summarize about doing something in the name of another?