

ABF Discussion Exercises

“It is not God whose attention we need to attract. It is our attention which needs to be riveted on Him. And we should believe that what He desires to give us is far greater than what we expect to get.”

Check In (Takeaway from last week): What decisions did your group members make to grow in maturity from last week’s discussion?

1. What is your focus when you need help?

“How often do we come to God in prayer for only material things and hardly believing that God cares or that He will provide.”

Read the following prayers of the Apostle Paul and discuss the questions that follow.

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

What is Paul thankful to God for?

What does this show about the relational content of prayer?

What do we learn about Paul from the personal nature of this prayer?

What does he pray for the Thessalonians?

What would answered prayer here look like?

Colossians 1:9–14

What does Paul pray for?

What is the goal of this prayer?

What does this teach you to pray for others?

2. How do you respond when others need help?

“A very supernatural thing took place from some very natural actions. That is the way God often works, using vessels of clay through which to manifest His grace and power.”

Read Acts 3:1-10

What is notable about what Peter and John were doing?

Why is it significant that he was “laid daily at the gate of the temple”?

Who in your everyday life could you treat like Peter treated this man?

Take Away

What is one way you can have your group pray for you to respond to others in your life this week?