



SUCH A PRAYER NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER | AUGUST 14, 2022
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So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

2. Remembering God’s _____ changes my _____.

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3. God is _____ by my _____.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 (NLT)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SUCH A PRAYER

[CONNECT]

Since the greatest miracle of all time is when Jesus came to earth as a sacrifice for the sins of all humanity, begin this week by talking about your experience of when you surrendered your life to Jesus.

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

Read our text from the weekend (Joshua 10:8-9; 12-14), and discuss what you think was going through the mind of Joshua when asked to help defend the Gibeonites.

Within verse 14, you'll see the phrase "such a prayer". What thoughts does this phrase ignite in you for your prayer life?

Do you take regular times to realize the awesome power of God? Why do we, especially in America, get so complacent to the mighty works of what God can do in our lives?

The word commitment means a lot less in our culture now than it did a few decades ago? In your group, talk about the importance of honoring of commitments not just to God, but also to others. (ex. Marriage, employer/employee, kids, responsibilities, things of God)

Read Galatians 6:9; Ephesians 3:12

When we pray, remembering God's power should change the way we pray. The boldness of our prayers shouldn't depend on what we're praying, or even how we're praying. Our boldness should come from knowing our God is powerful enough to answer our prayer. Knowing this, when's the last time you prayed a really bold, confident prayer?

The last fill-in for the weekend stated, God is honored by my obedience. Joshua honored his commitment to the Gibeonites, he remembered God's awesome power which invited him to pray an unprecedented prayer, and then God was honored with Joshua's obedience. Discuss a time in your life when your obedience and surrender honored God in a way that created a "sun stand still" moment.

[CHALLENGE]

We all have challenges, conflicts, and struggles in our life. They come in different seasons and in lots of different shapes and forms. In those moments, I believe God is inviting us into a posture of surrender and humility that reminds us He's in control. And then in those moments, whatever you're going through, pray your bold, effective, "sun stand still" prayer...and watch God be honored in your life.