



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | PRAYER | DECEMBER 3, 2023

1. Pastor Brad emphasized that the purpose of prayer isn't just to ask to receive things from God.  
What does the phrase, "Seek God's Face, not just His hand," mean to you?
2. "Listening" is an essential and important element in our prayers. Read **1 Samuel 3:1-10**.  
  
What was going on in your mind's eye as you picture this scene unfolding?  
How are you doing at learning how to "hear God's voice" to you?
3. Learning how to "Hear" God is essential in our prayer lives, and verbally responding is equally important as it leads to acts of obedience. **Read Luke 1:26-38**. God was speaking to Mary through an angelic messenger. How is her verbal acknowledgement in **verse 38** relevant to your life?
4. **Read Luke 2:13-17**. Praise as prayer is also relevant to our lives every day. Go around the group and allow each member to express a praise to the Lord.  
( Usually, we say something like, "*I'm thankful for \_\_\_\_\_,*" or "*I praise the Lord for \_\_\_\_\_.*"  
This time, word your praise as, "*Lord, I praise You for \_\_\_\_\_.*"  
Your direct praise is a great form of prayer!
5. **Read Luke 2:25-38**. Waiting is sometimes a difficult part of prayer. Simeon and Anna were both part of the Christmas narrative and both were patiently waiting on God's answers to requests made to God and promises that they had received from God.  
Are there some *answers to prayers* or *fulfillments of promises* you have from God that you are still waiting on? Can you share them with the group?