

The Invitation

Our Response (Week 1)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Ideas

Mountains move when we accept God's invitation to pray.

Key Scriptures

The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who receive him. Psalm 103:13

We can be confident in approaching God, knowing that he listens to us whenever we ask him for anything according to his will. And since we know that he hears us when we make our requests, then we can be sure that he will answer us. 1 John 5:14-15

Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own. Jeremiah 33:3 MSG

The Lord waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. Isaiah 30:18

Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith. Hebrews 10:22

Prayer is an invitation from God Himself.

Why does God invite us to pray?

1. **God wants me to talk to Him about anything.**
2. **God loves to answer our prayers.**
3. **God wants to be close to me.**

How do we accept His invitation?

- **With simple and sincere words.**
- **With a humble heart.**

Start talking.

- Describe the last invitation you received?
- What does an invitation imply?
- What does God's invitation to you say about how he feels about you?

Start thinking.

- Read Psalm 103:13. How does someone "receive him"?
- Read 1 John 5:14-15. Why can we be confident when we pray?
- Read Jeremiah 33:3. What is the promise in this verse?
- Read Isaiah 30:18. Why does God wait for us?
- Read Hebrews 10:22. How does this frame our approach to God in prayer?

Start sharing.

- What is an obstacle between you and prayer?
- Of the three "why's", which is most difficult to believe? Explain.
- How do your prayers reveal what you believe to be true of God?

Start doing.

- Scripture is clear. Mountains move when we accept God's invitation to pray. What is the mountain in your life you will bring to God in prayer?
- Accept the 40 prayer challenge and join the Harbor Church family by daily following the prayer prompts on social media.

Closing prayer.

Jesus thank you for loving me. Thank you for wanting to speak with me about anything. Help me to come to you in prayer these next 40 days. You know the mountain in my life that I'm asking you to move. Help me trust in your answer and dive deeper into your love. I will come to you, I will speak with you, I will listen to you in prayer.