

Sermon Title: **Abundance Part 7** “Prayer emPowered” Dr. David Speicher



“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”
Matthew 7:7 (NIV)

1. According to Matthew 7:7, what precedes abundance? Have each group member try to think of an example of this principle. It can be something personal, or something they have heard from someone else. Be prepared to share from your own experiences.
2. Why are some requests answered and some not answered? Hummm?

John 17:9-10 *“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.”*

3. Who specifically in this passage is Jesus praying for? Who is He NOT praying for?
4. Do you think Jesus was also thinking and praying for believers today? Why or why not?

John 19:11-12: *¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of^[a] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by^[b] that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by^[c] the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified*

5. What are the words that Pastor Speicher used to describe what Jesus was praying for in this prayer? Ab_____ance; Au_____ ; Bl_____ ;
Co_____ ; G_____ing; Ke_____ing; Pr_____ing;
S_____y;

Bonus questions:

6. In Luke 22:31 Jesus prayed for Peter's faith to be guarded from spiritual attacks, especially those from Satan. Who is guarding you? (Clue: guarding=praying) Who knows you well enough to pray for you?
7. Who are you guarding? (Praying for) Specifically? Do you really know them well enough to pray for them specifically?
8. Jesus prayed for "abundance in the midst of sorrow" according to Pastor Speicher. Please try to explain what He meant according to John 17.