

CROPPED

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Discussion
Gu'ide

"GRANTED"

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The Point:

Cropped: "In Jesus' Name" Will Get Me What I Want!
Completed: Jesus Declares His Divinity

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- If a genie granted you only one wish, what would it be? (...because genies are real 😊)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Read John 14:14. What are some specific ways that you have heard this verse (and ones like it) cropped?
- Read John 14:5-14 and count how many times Jesus refers to His “oneness” with the Father. With all of that in mind, why do you think that this verse is cropped so often? What may be the reasons?
- “In Jesus’ name” is not a magical phrase, but it means “according to God’s character”. Read John 15:4-8 & Matthew 6:31-34. How do these passages help clarify what it means to “get whatever we ask”?
- People often get angry at God because He doesn’t answer our prayer requests, and yet the problem is us. Read these passages that describe the heart behind the “how” we are to ask for things “in Jesus’ name”:
 - *Submission to God’s Will:*
 - 1 John 5:14-15. How can we have the John’s confidence?
 - Mark 14:32-36. What do you think Jesus was feeling here?
 - *Examination of Our Motives:*
 - 1 John 3:19-22. How is *receiving* connected to *obedience*?
 - James 4:1-3. How does this summarize the entire Point?
- Be honest: which of these most describes your failure when praying?
- As we wrap up the *Cropped* series, what have you learned or taken away from this series? Close with some time to pray about these things.

The References

Main Passage: **John 14:5-14 (NKJV)***selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

John 15:4-7 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...“But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!”

Matthew 6:31-34 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well...

1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

Mark 14:32-36 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

1 John 3:19-22 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

James 4:1-3 (NLT)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.