

RIVERVIEW CHURCH

HOME-GROUP QUESTIONS

Your Prayers Actually Matter

With Ward Cushman
September 13, 2026

Genesis 18:16-33, 19:27-29

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QUESTION 1

The sermon describes God waiting beside Abraham, ready to hear his concerns before acting -- in what ways have you experienced or failed to recognize God waiting for you to bring something to him in prayer?

QUESTION 2

Abraham interceded on behalf of the righteous in Sodom even though the city was filled with wickedness -- what does his willingness to approach God boldly on behalf of others reveal about the nature of intercessory prayer and our responsibility to one another?

QUESTION 3

The preacher suggests that God reveals his plans more than we realize, often through subtle promptings and impressions -- how do you distinguish between your own thoughts and the leading of the Holy Spirit, and what practices help you grow in that discernment?

QUESTION 4

God responded to Abraham six times, adjusting the terms of the conversation with each exchange -- what does this back-and-forth reveal about the kind of relationship God desires to have with his people, and how does it challenge a passive or mechanical view of prayer?

QUESTION 5

The sermon points out that God answered the prayer Abraham should have prayed rather than the specific prayer he prayed, saving Lot even though the numbers Abraham proposed were never met -- how does

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The sermon closes by inviting listeners to recommit to praying for something they had given up on -- what does perseverance in prayer, even without visible results, say about the nature of faith, and what makes it so difficult to sustain over time?