

TEACH US TO PRAY...

PRAYERS THAT GET ANSWERS



LESSON 9 // KEEP US—PART 1

Big Idea: Jesus taught us to pray, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one” (Matthew 6:13). “Keep us” prayers like this are an important part of how we should approach God. We need to ask the Lord to keep us *from* temptation, harm, evil influences, wrong thinking and ungodly words. We should also ask Him to keep us *for* the purposes, plans and assignments He has in store. And we need God to keep us *in* a fruitful relationship with Him and right relationships with others. These are “keep us” prayers that God will answer!

1 Chronicles 4:10 (NIV) *Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.” And God granted his request.*

Start Talking:

Describe a time when you got into a really tough situation you could have avoided. How did you get out of it?

Why is it better to head off and keep away from bad situations before they get you in trouble?

Start Thinking:

Read Psalm 19:14 and 2 Thessalonians 3:3. From these verses, what do you learn about God’s part and your part in keeping away from evil, wrong thinking and ungodly influence?

Read 1 Peter 2:9, 10. How does Peter’s declaration encourage you about the purpose and plan God has for your life?

Read John 15:1-8. What does it mean that Jesus is the Vine and you are a branch in Him? What difference should this make in your daily walk with Him?

Read Psalm 92:13. Why is it so important for you to be “planted in the house of the Lord”? How does God use this to help you “flourish”?

Start Praying:

Share at least one of the ways you want God to “keep” you in this season of your life. Pray for each other based on these requests.

Start Doing:

Take some time to think through and write down a brief statement of what you can do to “abide” in Jesus as your Vine. Make that a practical daily focus this week—and see how God works!

Pray for wisdom for our church leaders about beginning to meet in person for worship services and ministry opportunities, and look for ways that you can be a part of making this happen.