

# Sermon Application Study

August 31, 2026

## Target Passage → 1 John 5:13-15

1. Why does John write this letter? How should the letter be read by Christians?
2. Does God really invite us to ask anything from him? Explain.
3. What does it mean to ask “according to God’s will”? Why must prayer requests be according to God’s will? What if they are not?
4. How do we understand a request that is made to God in prayer, that is according to his will, that is not fulfilled in the way the praying person has asked?

**Bridge Passages (for further study) → Deuteronomy 29:29, Psalm 91:1-16, Luke 22:39-44, James 1:5, John 15:1-7, 1 John 3:21-22**

## For Me →

1. Has there been a time in your life when you have asked God for something and seen him answer that prayer exactly as you had hoped? Explain.
2. Have you ever prayed according to God’s will and not received what you asked for? How do you make sense of that in your Christian faith?

## PRAYER FOCUS

Bring your prayer requests before God. Lift each other up in prayer. Pray boldly and confidently, resting in the truth that God is sovereign over all things.

## For the Mission →

A friend says to you, “I used to be a Christian, but I prayed and God didn’t answer my prayer. God is not reliable or he’s not there.” How do you respond?