

#### What Kind of Church are We?

Part 8: We are a Praying Church

### March 27, 2022 Guest Speaker Jack Witt

Today we are answering that "What kind of church are we question", by recognizing that Summit is a praying church.

It can be that things like worship and prayer are assumed practices, but it's our assumptions that most regularly require a deeper look. If we are a praying church, what does that look like in terms of belief and practice?

1.	Prayer is an act of	with God,
	but it's equally an act of _	

"Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."

And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him. 'Friend, lend me three loaves: for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him: "and he will answer from within and say. 'Do not trouble me: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? "I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. "So I say to you, ask. and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

**Luke 11:1-10** (NKJV)

# 2. Asking in prayer as an expression of and .

Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a

son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

**I Kings 3:4-7** (NKJV)

## 3. Asking in prayer as a process of

"And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing."

I Kings 3:8-10 (NKJV)

4.	Asking in	prayer as	a means of	
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Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you.

And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days.

**I Kings 3:11-13** (NKJV)

### Stepping up to slow down and believe more – A call to Fasting and Prayer 5 days a week between today and Easter Sunday

This could be a Daniel fast. A sunrise to sunset food fast, a coffee, sugar, or media fast. Something significant and sacrificial for the big, big thing you're believing God for right now.