

Encouraging Access to the Throne

Bible

Main idea: To emphasize the importance of consistent prayer and seeking God's guidance

Topic: Ask Seek Knock

Scripture passages to support your point of encouraging access to the throne:

1. Matthew 7:7-8 - "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
2. Hebrews 4:16 - "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."
3. James 4:2 - "You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God."

Language suggestions from the original languages:

1. In Matthew 7:7-8, the Greek word for "ask" is "aiteite," which implies a persistent and continuous asking. Emphasize the importance of consistent prayer and seeking God's guidance.

2. In Hebrews 4:16, the Greek word for "approach" is "proserchometha," which conveys the idea of drawing near or coming close. Encourage your listeners to draw near to God with confidence, knowing that He welcomes them.

Other relevant passages:

1. Luke 11:9-10 - This passage parallels Matthew 7:7-8 and can provide additional insights into the importance of persistence in prayer.

2. Psalm 34:4 - "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." This verse highlights the power of seeking God and finding comfort and deliverance in Him.

3. Jeremiah 29:13 - "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." This verse emphasizes the wholehearted pursuit of God and the promise of finding Him.

To reinforce your current ideas without sharing personal examples, you can:

1. Provide relatable stories or anecdotes from well-known biblical characters who sought God's guidance and experienced His faithfulness.

2. Offer practical steps or strategies for developing a consistent prayer life and seeking God's will in various areas of life.

3. Share testimonies or examples from other believers who have experienced the power of asking, seeking, and knocking in their own lives.

Remember to structure your sermon in a way that builds upon your current ideas, using the suggested Scripture passages and practical suggestions to reinforce the message of encouraging access to the throne.