

# GENESIS

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## Living Between 'the Ask' & 'the Answer'

Sunday, January 29, 2012

For your Community Group this week – take some time to work through the following questions...

1. **What is it that you are 'Asking' God for in 2012?** Take some time to share your 'Asks' so that those in your Community Group can be 'Asking' alongside you.
  - Invite those in your Community Group to speak into your 'Ask' – specifically if they see this as a 'God-centered' & 'God-sized' Ask. The aim is not to shoot people's 'Asks' down, but to sharpen what people are 'Asking' God for this coming year.

As discussed on Sunday, living life between 'the Ask' and 'the Answer' is not always easy. We may not always see what God is doing, but our lack of visibility does not mean that God is not at work in us, with us and around us. The following list is not exhaustive in nature, but as we seek to implement these three things into our daily routine, 'the Ask' does not become something we glance at on occasion in our 'rear-view mirror', but it becomes something that shapes how we interact with God and those around us.

If we are to live well between 'the Ask' and 'the Answer' (or activity of God), then we are to:

- **Be faithful** – specifically, faithful to do what God has asked you to do, not what He has not asked you to do. {Example given – faithful to 'build bridges' & 'plant seeds'}
- **Be with Jesus** – prayer, Scripture, Serving, Community, Repentance
- **Be about the Gospel** – fix your gaze on the Gospel

Take some time to have your Community Group share the following:

2. **What does God want you to be 'faithful' with this coming year?** Practically speaking, what will it look like for you to be 'faithful'? Seek to identify the 'one thing' that God would have you do in relation to what your 'Ask' is.
3. **How are you 'with Jesus' right now?** What adjective would you use to describe your relationship with Jesus right now (intimate, distant, growing, etc.)? What are some ways that you are growing in your proximity and position to Jesus. Share with your Community Group the things that you find most helpful in cultivating 'closeness' with Jesus.
4. **What are you most 'about' right now?** If we are 'about' anything other than the Gospel, then we are settling for something less, and that something less will take us further away from our 'Ask'.

**Galatians 6:14** – “May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

The Apostle Paul was 'about the Gospel' because he considered himself to be crucified to the world. When we've died to the things of this world, we are made alive to the things that Jesus has accomplished for us. Have the Community discuss ways in which we can grow in being 'about the Gospel' – not just on Sunday mornings, but in all times in all places.

Close your Community Group by praying for one another – specifically what one another are 'Asking' God for this coming Year. Pray also for what GENESIS is 'Asking' of God in 2012.

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