**Sermon Notes**

**Date:** January 3, 2016

**Scripture:** 1st Chronicles 4:9-10 (New Living Translation)

**SUBJECT:** Prayer Emphasis Month

**Subtext:** How To Make A Request For God To Answer Your Prayer

1. **(Intro)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has blessed us to see a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ year. Read **Hebrews 4:16**. We shouldn’t be ashamed to ask Christ for anything because he told us to come to him. See church, God’s mercy cover the things we should not have done, and his grace empowers us to do what we should do but do not have to the power to do. This is why prayer is so important and vital to the lives of those who profess to be bible-believing Christians.

2. Pastor J’s testimony on the Power of Prayer.

3. Why was Jabez’s prayer so powerful? Jabez’s prayer was not a self-seeking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jabez had a good reputation with God.

4. Four things that Jabez asked God for: 1. Was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. 2. To help him in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by extending or enlarging his territory. 3. For God to be with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in all he did. 4. To keep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from trouble and pain. Jabez acknowledged \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as the true center of his life. **Read Hebrews 11:1** and **Hebrews 11:6.**

5. See when we pray for God’s blessing, we should also pray that he will take his rightful position as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over our work, our family time, and our recreation. God is so great that he had a plan for us to stay connected to him because he knew that we would mess up on this Christian journey. His plan for us came through his only son Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and because Jesus was the last lamb to be sacrificed for us we are able to ask humbly for forgiveness for our sins and God will hear our prayers.

6. We should pray a prayer that God is pleased with so that he will answer it. Jabez prayed a prayer that allowed him to get closer to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so that God will know him and that Jabez would know God. As we mature in Christ we can develop our own prayer life that honors God, our family, and our church.

7. When Jabez asked God, to be with him in all that he does, and keep me from all trouble and pain, he was requesting God to keep him from all evil in the world. We must also avoid evil motives, desires, and actions that begin within us. We can began to apply God’s protection by filling our minds with positive thoughts and attitudes.

8. Read **2nd Timothy 1:7 & Proverbs 3:5,6.** We must know that God has the power of the world in the palm of his hands.

9. Jabez is showing us that he has constant communication with God. Jabez is showing us that his prayer is not a selfish or self-gratifying prayer as he asks for God’s protection over him. Jabez was seeking God in all areas of his life so that he can enlarge his territory and be successful. My 3 Prayers for Agape Baptist Church are: **1. That more of God’s glory will be upon this ministry. 2. For dedicated leaders to be apart of this ministry. 3. More of God’s glory be upon the Associations that we are involved with.**

10. Theme for Agape Baptist Church for 2016 is **Moving from Membership to Discipleship** and my prayer for us is that we become a more praying and committed church to God and that God will be pleased.

**I PRAISE GOD THAT PRAYERS ARE BEING ANSWERED IN THIS MINISTRY!!!**

11. Saints what are you looking for God to answer in your prayers? Do you have the right attitude like Jabez for God to answer your prayer? Are you willing to wait on God to answer your prayer or will you do your own thing thinking that you are helping God out? Saints if you want your prayers to be answered in a more excellent way by God, then follow the example of Jabez and you will be able to say that God granted your request.

**Questions**

How will I apply this message to my life?

What do I love to do that will honor God?

Whom are the **3** people that I will share this message with?

**Prayer**

Dear Lord,
I come humbly before you to make a request for you to bless me and enlarge my territory

Please be with me in all that I do according to your will

And protect me from the evil forces of this world.
I love you Lord with all of my heart, mind, body, & soul. **Amen** \_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Reminders**

**For the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.** (January 4th – 25th 2016)

**Vision Party.** (January 17, 2016 at 12:30pm). Introducing the ministry to the people in the community so that they can be apart of “Agape.”

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| The Prayer Line for the Women’s Ministry is **Every Tuesday at 8pm.**  The number is 712-775-7031 and the Meeting ID/Access Code is 637-755-644. Prayer is the key and our faith unlocks the door. **All Women of Agape with family and friends are encouraged to participate.** |