

A. MAKING A COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS

A.2 Will God hear and answer my prayers?

John 16:24

A STORY A new Christian in the neighborhood came for breakfast. We discussed different concerns about her life. She shared about her sister. She was reluctant to pray and ask God to take care of the situation with this family member. It seemed to her to be fruitless. She was discouraged about the lack of answers to her prayer

DIGGING IN THE SCRIPTURES This question was facing the disciples of Jesus who were following him. He taught them many things. He gave them commands and instructions about the Kingdom of God. One day after teaching them many things, He made this statement:

“Up till now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive that your joy will be made full.” John 16:24.

DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY

1. What was Jesus telling his disciples and why?
2. What does it mean “Up till now”?
3. Why do we ask in Jesus’ name?
4. Why from this verse does God want to answer our prayers?

APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

5. How do we ask ‘In Jesus’ name’?
6. What can we ask for?
7. What are we confident that we will receive?
8. What does it mean to have your joy full?
9. What will you do to take steps in your prayer communication with God