



Hey God: Do Work | June 14, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

When it comes to prayer, our motto should be “work like it depends on me” and “pray like it depends on God.”

Key Verse

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us

Discussion

There is a scene in the movie *Tommy Boy* where Tommy, a large man, is sitting in the middle of a lake in a tiny sailboat. He is alone, not moving, and talking to his dad who has past away. Some boys on the shoreline start making fun of him for sitting still and yell out, “Hey Tubbo, you ain’t movin.”

1. Share a time where something didn’t go as planned and you were embarrassed or made fun of.

As Tommy sat in the boat, he says in jest, “I could use a little wind here.” He is seemingly asking his father to help him out. The pitfall many of us face in our prayer lives is that we either pray for wind without a boat in the water or we get in a sailboat and grab the oars believing we have to do all the work.

2. Describe a time when you prayer for something but weren’t necessarily willing to do the work it would take to achieve it or receive it?
3. Describe a time where you were working hard for something all on your own without any recognition of or help from God?

In his book *Why Pray*, John DeVries says that prayer and work are like our two feet. Our right foot is our prayer life and our left foot is our work life. If you tried to step with just one you would go in circles. God asks us to do work and prayer is the means by which we join God in His work to redeem this world.

4. What work do you think God might be asking you to do in His plans to redeem this world?
5. Are there things that you have been working hard at for which you need to ask God to come alongside you?

What’s Next?

This week consider how and where you are willing to work and how hard you are willing to work. When God shows up, consider where you are willing to go and work when He asks. Additionally, ask God to join you in your desired work. Do your best to walk with God...left, right, left, right.