

Like a CHILD

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Psalm 40:1-11, Acts 10:1-10

Does God really hear my prayers?

1. Please read Ps. 40:1 - 17 carefully and discuss what are the main points concerning does God hear and answer our prayers and is He confined to respond only to what you prayed ? How can God change our perspective from hopelessness to hope?
See James 5:7-1 - what does this say about the posture we must adopt if we are to see our prayers answered and how are we to live our lives if God is to answer our prayers (see verse 16)?
2. The Bible is full of stories of answered prayer. One of these stories, Acts 10:1-8 is about a Roman Centurion, Cornelius who was a believer and not a Jew who prayed regularly together with his family. What does this passage say about his faith and his lifestyle? Contrast and compare this with the faith and lifestyle of Simon Peter read verses 11-16 and how would God bless a meeting of these very different men to dramatically change their lives?
3. Read Acts 10:23 - 38. Lance said "God is not confined to your vision. This is the God of the universe who responds to your prayers". So how do we see the change in these two men as God revealed Himself to them in different ways. So how do we see that prayer can change us and how does God want us to reach out to others in this church who may have very different perspectives on life, culture, the Bible etc.