

Champions Arise – Study Guide
Series: Every Man a Warrior, Program: #5 (EMAW 05)
You Don't Have Because You Don't Ask

Focus Passage – James 4:2 *“You do not have, because you do not ask God.”*

1) What types of things do your children (or children you know) ask for?

2) Who does the Bible say can ask God for things?

3) What are two reasons some men are reluctant to ask God for things?

4) According to Philippians 4:6-7, what can Christians ask God for?

“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

5) What is one reason God may not answer our prayers?

“You do not have because you do not ask. And even when you ask, you don't get it, because your motives are all wrong—you only want what will give you pleasure.”
James 4:2

Commitment: In my daily quiet time, I commit to ask God for wisdom and to meet my needs.

You Don't Have Because You Don't Ask – LEADER'S GUIDE

1. Thank everyone for coming.
2. Open in prayer
3. Read the focus passage.
4. Ask men to answer Question #1.
5. Listen to the program: "You Don't Have Because You Don't Ask"
6. After the program is finished, allow time for comments or questions on the program
7. Review the answers to the four remaining questions with the men in the group.
Encourage everyone to participate, but never force or shame someone into participating.
 - a. Question #2 answer – children of God. (See Romans 10: 9 – 13, 1 John 3:1, Galatians 4:6)
 - b. Question #3 answer –
 1. They don't realize God wants them to ask.
 2. They have prayed before and they think God didn't answer their prayer.
 - c. Question #4 answer – "pray about everything."
 - d. Question #5 answer – We ask for selfish things for our own pleasure.
8. Ask the men what was most important to them from this teaching.
9. Ask men to commit to bringing their needs and the needs of others to God in their daily prayer time.
10. Confirm the time for the next meeting
11. Take prayer requests.
12. Close in prayer

Sample prayer: Almighty God, thank you for caring for us and allowing us to bring all our needs to you in prayer. Help us to bring our needs to you in our daily quiet times this week. In Jesus' Name, Amen.