

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

What Do We Hope For?

Exercise *(This chapter is just an exercise. Take the whole time to talk about it.)*

1. Without looking back at the first week's lesson, write down the answer to the question: When you walk in the door on a Sunday morning, what are you hoping is going to happen to you?

2. What should be true of the worship service to make that happen?

3. Look back at the answers you gave the first week of this study.

4. Trade pages with the person next to you and hear what he or she has to say.

5. Now, go around the room and have everyone tell the group what his or her partner has to say in answer to the question.

O God of the open ear,

Teach us to live by prayer. Give us hearts frameable to Your will. Help us to know that the work of prayer is to bring our wills to Your will. Help us not to desire small things, but with holy boldness to desire great things for Your people, for ourselves, and for Your Kingdom. Teach us the wisdom of praying for all things out of love rather than necessity, for there is no wrath like the wrath of being governed by our own lusts for our own ends. O Lord, hear our prayer, and meet us in Your mercy. Amen.

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