



Sermon Series - “TWISTED”

Week 1: Ask in my name...

Link to Sermon ([Here](#))

How to use the LIFE|group Discussion Guide

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps. Have Fun!

THE MAIN IDEA

The Bible is full of wisdom. People love to quote their favorite verses to encourage and inspire each other—but sometimes, those verses get taken out of context. What happens when the most important message of all gets *Twisted*? This four-week message series from Pastors Brian Hays and Alex Rowan covers four of the most misused verses in all of the Bible. Learn the context of the verses, what they really mean, and how to find the richness God actually meant to show us through them. Verses in this series include “*for I know the plans I have for you...*” in [Jeremiah 29:11](#), “*ask anything in my name*” in [John 14:14](#), and others.

OVERVIEW AND QUESTION

- How do we find meaning in scripture?
 - Context
 - Other scripture
 - Application
- What matters to God?
 - Motives
 - Faith
 - God’s Will



SCRIPTURE(S)

[John 14:13-14](#); [John 1:1](#); [John 1:14](#); [John 14:1-4](#); [James 4:3](#); [Proverbs 16:2](#);
[James 1:6-7](#); [Matthew 9:29](#); [1 John 5:14-15](#); [Mark 11:24-25](#)

Discussion Questions

- Who loves snow in March and April?
- Salad or meat?
- What part of this week's message was most helpful to you? Why?
- What scripture have you often seen misused?
- Talk about a time when you prayed and God answered?
- Think for a second before you answer. Do you most often try to apply truth from Scripture or try to apply Scripture to what you think is true?
- Read [John 14:13-14](#). How have you applied this scripture in the past?
- Read [1 John 5:14-15](#) out loud. What do you think it means to "ask" according to "His will"?
- How can you balance coming boldly to God in faith-filled prayer with also asking according to His will?
- Read [Mark 11:24-25](#) out loud. Share about a relationship where you held a grudge. How did it impact your prayers?
- Share a story of a time you asked and asked for something before you finally realized your motives were wrong.
- Read [Matthew 9:29-30](#). Rate your faith on a scale of none to blind-eyes-are-being-restored. What would build your faith?
- What is your biggest prayer request you have right now? Share it with your group, and pray for one another.

What Matters When You Pray?

1. Your motives matter. [James 4:3](#), [Proverbs 16:2](#)
2. Your faith matters. [James 1:6-7](#), [Matthew 9:29-30](#)
3. God's will matters. [1 John 5:14-15](#)

Next Step(s) & Resources:

1. How can your worship be different this week based on this study?
2. How can your LIFE|group help, encourage, pray for or keep you accountable you this week?