

Be Successful In Your Ministry 2023
Metropolitan Baptist Church
Weekly Bible Study
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Study Text: 1 Chronicles 4:9,10
Study Subject: The Prayer of Jabez 5
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Psalm 119:97

Open It

- I. Why not ask!** What do you want to do for the Lord? What is required for you to do it? Once you discover what it is you want to do, **ask for what you need.** It is very important that your request is not of a “**selfish nature**”. When we hear others asking for God to do something, to give them something it could sound **selfish.** However, we don’t always know why they are asking for what they are asking for. **Why not ask.**
- II.** What do you need to enhance your ministry for the Lord? What are you going to do with what you are asking God for? If He give it to you, how does it benefit the kingdom of God?
- III.** From both the context and results of Jabez’s prayer, we can see that there was more to his request than a simple desire for more real estate. He wanted more influence, more responsibility, and more opportunity to make a mark for the God of Israel. What is embedded in your request?
Why not ask.

Explore It

- I. A Prayer for Enlargement. “Enlarge my coast” V.10**

a. This speaks of dissatisfaction in present abilities. Read John 13:6-9.

What did Peter realize that prompted this response to the Lord? _____

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Are you satisfied with where you are and what you are doing for the Lord? If yes, then cool but if no, what will you ask for? _____

Read Mark 5:18-20: As it pertains to the “**enlargement of my coast**”, why did Jesus reject this man’s request to go with Him? _____

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What does this teach us about some of our requests to the Lord? _____

b. This speaks of added responsibility. Hebrews 2:1-3. Remember, to whom much is given much is required. If we mismanage the gifts from God, we will have to answer for it. **Read Hebrews 2:1-3.** What is our responsibility to God and man for the **gifts** given to the church?
