Pastor Ray Harms-Wiebe Matthew 12:38-45

October 23, 2022

What kind of request does Jesus long for? Sometimes people make insincere requests. For example, a person may request discussion on a certain topic, not to receive new information or to encourage dialogue, but rather to state their opinion and take a stand on their favorite topic.

Sometimes people draw us into discussion about the big questions in life, not because they are seeking answers, but because they are wanting to seed doubt and unsettle us. They like to deconstruct and dismantle things without any intention of constructing on the solid foundations given. They are cynical.

A sincere request, on the other hand, reveals a genuine desire to receive. It may be a request for further wisdom, more discernment, a blessing, love, financial assistance or some other benefit. What kind of request does Jesus long for?

- · Guard your heart against insincerity.
- God answers sincere requests for His saving purposes.
- · Insincerity toward Jesus is extremely dangerous.
- Take your sincere requests to the only One who can answer Jesus.

Reflection Questions:

- · What is your sincere request to Jesus today?
- Are you ready to receive His answer (whether it be yes, no, or later)? When Jesus answers, are you ready to embrace His larger purposes for your life?
- Are there any hints of insincerity or cynicism in your heart today? Have you taken it to Jesus in prayer?

WILLINGDON CHURCH ELDERS

Phil Balzer Alfred Gomez
John Best Ray Harms-Wiebe
Roman Bondartchouk Ruben Heyn
Ken Dyck Danny Lee
Jim Eisenhauer Paul Lee

Mark Loewen Dave Marshall Ken Redekopp Rick Reimer Vince Reimer Norm Schmidt Ed Thiessen Wayne Wiebe Rick Wilson

Please continue to pray for the elders.

If you wish to contact an elder, please email elders@willingdon.org.