Suggested Discussion Questions for 10/6/24 Message

How Our Loving Father Answers Prayer: Intervention, Interaction, and Inner-Action

- 1. When you don't see God's answers to your prayers, what are some thoughts that run through your mind?
- 2. **Intervention**: Read Exodus 14:10-14. How would you describe the mood of these people when they are praying?
- 3. Read verses 15-18. What reasons does God give for wanting to answer by Divine intervention? Who is He trying to reach out to?
- 4. Read Luke 18:35-42. What are the requests (prayers) of the Blind Beggar? How does Jesus specifically answer those prayers?
- 5. Who else is God reaching out to with this Divine Intervention? What might that tell us about why God does miraculous interventions?
- 6. **Interaction:** Read Exodus 3:1-10, What is the "good news" you see in verses 7-10? What is the "bad news"?
- 7. Is it hard for us to see God answering prayer when the answer includes some of our own labors? Why or why not?
- 8. Why did Moses (and why do we) fail to see the "privilege of partnership" with God?
- 9. **Inner-action:** Read 2 Cor. 12:8-9. What benefits or blessings does Paul see in God's answer to his prayers? How does He respond?
- 10. Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. What work was God doing <u>inside</u> the suffering believers here?
- 11. Can you think of a time when God hasn't answered a prayer directly, but instead has done a work IN you?