



Notes for further Study

20th January 2019

The Prayer of Jabez – Enlarge my territory.

1 Chronicles 4 v 9,10

1. If you had to do a spiritual appraisal, what would you say had gone well last year? What could have been done better? Do you have any targets to aim for this coming year?
2. Jabez asks God to enlarge his territory. What did he mean by this? Why did he want this to happen?
3. Jabez is described as honourable. What characteristics might he have displayed? (Perhaps look at the life of Samuel who was also described as a man of honour.)
4. Another way of saying this prayer might be: "Please expand my opportunities and impact in such a way that I touch more lives for your glory. Let me do more for you." What opportunities might God be giving to you? Who might you be able to influence?
5. Praying this prayer takes us out of our comfort zone. How do you feel about that? What might stop you from using this prayer?
6. Matt said, the only ability you have to offer God is your availability? Agreed?
7. Think of times in the past when God has proved faithful in difficult and hard times. Have there been times when he has taken you into deep water or asked you to do things you felt were beyond you? What happened to you as a result?
8. "Unless we get out of our comfort zone we will never grow." Do you agree or disagree? Why? What examples are there in the bible of people who were stretched? (If you need some help, think of Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Nehemiah and Peter)
9. Are you ready for God to challenge you? Perhaps you can pray this prayer as a group and pray for each other as you ask for God to enlarge your territory.