



## Lesson Ten: The Prayer of Jabez 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

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**4**<sup>9</sup> Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, “Because I bore him in pain.” **10** Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, “Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!” And God granted what he asked.

### Discussion Questions:

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1. Why do you think the book, *The Prayer of Jabez*, became a New York Times best-seller? What does the book’s popularity say about our culture’s understanding (or misunderstanding) of prayer?
2. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said that when we pray “your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.” (See Matthew 6:5-8) If God already knows what we need then why do we pray?
3. What does the name “Jabez” mean? What does this tell us about the life of Jabez? How does this name describe the story of Israel? How does this name relate to your own story?
4. What stands out to you about Jabez’s prayer? What can we learn from the prayer of Jabez? How can the prayer of Jabez serve as a model for us and not a mantra?
5. How did God respond to Jabez’s prayer? Why?
6. Who is the main character of the story of Jabez? What does this teach us about prayer?