

Luke 11:1-13

A Praying Church

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Lord, Teach Us to Pray

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- ▶ By the pronouns that Jesus used, do you think he was teaching them how to pray more privately or to pray together with others?
- ▶ Read Acts 1:14 and 2:42. How does this support your answer above? What are some implications of this for your prayer life?

II. Lord, Teach Us to Pray: THE RELATIONSHIP

- ▶ From Jesus's prayer, what would you say is the aim or goal of prayer? (Hint: It's not to just be a good pray-er)
- ▶ Read v. 11-13 and discuss what it says about God being our Father? Discuss the significance of Jesus teaching us to address God as our "Father" (v. 2)?
- ▶ How does thinking of God being your Father ("Abba" = daddy) and addressing him in prayer that way impact you personally?

III. Lord, Teach Us to Pray: THE PERSISTENCE

- ▶ Read v. 7-8. Do you ever feel you are bothering God with your prayers?
- ▶ V. 5-8 contrasts this bothered friend with a God who loves to be bothered by us. Read vs. 9-10 and discuss how it encourages you in your prayer life.
- ▶ What is one way you'd like to grow in your prayer life through this series?

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During this series, we encourage you to LEAVE EXTRA TIME FOR PRAYER

- ▶ Ask God to help you learn how to pray (like the disciples did to Jesus)
- ▶ Ask God to help you to enjoy prayer more than you do now
- ▶ Go around and pray to God as if he was really your heavenly Father, and he treats you as his loved son/daughter
- ▶ Tell God how you'd like to grow in your prayer life



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Scripture Passages Used:

Luke 11:1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” **2** And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread,

4 and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

Luke 11:5 And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, **6** for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; **7** and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? **8** I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. **9** And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. **11** What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; **12** or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Acts 1:14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Additional Thoughts for Leaders

For More Study of the Passage

Observation: _____

Interpretation: _____

Application: _____

Prayer: _____