

Habits of Grace: Praying

Luke 11:1-13

Cultivating a habit of prayer:

- _____ a certain _____ and _____. (1a)

- _____ by _____. (1b)

- _____ others _____ with _____. (2-4)

- Pursue a _____, not a _____. (5-13)

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. Describe your prayer life in one word.
2. Chris talked about different reasons that we struggle to pray: busy-ness, distractions, misunderstanding, pride, etc. What are some of the most significant obstacles keeping you from praying?
3. When circumstances made it difficult or inconvenient, Jesus still made time for prayer. How you can set aside a time and place to make daily prayer a priority? What times and places would work for you? Will you commit to praying at a set time and place every day this week?
4. Chris talked about beginning prayer by listening to God's voice through His Word. Have you tried this before? What has been your experience?
5. Do you assume that spontaneous prayer is "better" than praying through Scripture or other resources? List benefits of each.
6. Do you use a "framework" for prayer? (The Lord's Prayer, ACTS - Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication, etc.) Try using one of these each day this week.
7. In Luke 11:5-13, Jesus says that we should approach God with shameless desperation and confidence, because He is a gracious Father who delights in meeting our needs. Using your prayer life as an indicator, do you really believe that you are desperate and that God is perfect in goodness? Pray that God would help you grow in both.