

Luke 11 – Dad



Questions from April May 3, 2026

- A. To Pray Well, Jesus Tells Us to Call God “Father” or “Dad.”
- ❖ The “who” of prayer is more important than the “how.”
 - ❖ Pray to God like a child talking to a loving dad.
- B. The Biggest Hinderance to Prayer is an Orphan mentality
- ❖ Not feeling loved by God as a good father for one of 3 reasons:
 - i. Imperfect human fathers who were angry, impatient, distant, busy, tired.
 - God has infinite energy and joy. No bad days!
 - God is never busy, anxious or impatient. He is all-powerful, eternal, & cares about every detail of your life.
 - ii. Disappointment with God. If God loves me, then why...?
 - God knows what we need better than we do.
 - In this life, God gives human space to make choices and deal with consequences. It is necessary for character.
 - But He promises to make all things work for our good.
 - iii. Divine Hiddenness. Why doesn't God speak more clearly?
 - God is not physical. He prefers to speak spiritually.
 - The sin, distractions, busyness and anxiety of our fallen world cause static that makes it hard to hear God.
 - And too much supernatural communication is actually counterproductive → Israel in the wilderness.
 - So, God sent Jesus to reveal the Father's heart, and He gave us Scripture so we can always hear His message.

Ice Breakers

- (1) Share how you are doing and pray for each other.
- (2) Have you ever met someone famous?

Digging Deeper

- (3) Read Luke 11:1-2 and Point A. Is it encouraging to know the disciples had room to grow in their prayer lives? Why does Jesus start his teaching on prayer by telling them to call God “Father”?

Living Out

- (4) Describe how a small child and a loving dad talk and interact. Then explain how that applies to our prayer lives.
- (5) Read Point B and i. Explain how imperfect human fathers can make it hard for us to feel like God is a good father.
 - How is God different from any human father?
- (6) Read Point ii. Explain how disappointment with God can make it hard for us to feel like God is a good father.
 - Why does God not always answer our prayers?
 - Why does He allow pain into our lives?
- (7) Read Point iii. Explain how Divine Hiddenness can make it hard for us to feel like God is a good father.
 - Why is it hard to hear God in this fallen world?
 - If God were to speak in highly supernatural ways all the time, why would that not necessarily solve the problem?
 - Why are Jesus and Scripture crucial for seeing/hearing God?