

Part 2

GROWING IN KNOWING GOD THROUGH PRAYER

Luke 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

2 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 Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation. ' "

5 Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7 "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Additional notes:

Message notes:

Prayer is a two-way street. It's about a _____.

Prayer should help you growing to know Him by talking to Him like a child to a _____.

Take the Lord's Prayer as a _____.

Boldness: I'm not _____ if people know I have needs.

God values _____.

If He gives you the _____, He will give you clarity on other things.

God is more concerned about you getting to _____ Him in your prayers.

Pray: Lord, show me where I am praying _____.

Discussion Questions:

How did your worship of God change this past week?

What changes in your prayer life when your prayers became a two-way street for relationship instead of just asking God for things?

How can you use the Lord's Prayer as a model for your own prayers?

What are ways that prayer has helped to change your life or grow your relationship with the Father?

Why is it important to be honest in prayer?

How has having the Holy Spirit changed the way that you pray?

How could your prayer life change to help you better grow in prayer?

Ministry Time Questions:

Have you become discouraged about some prayers that you used to boldly bring before the Lord?

Does anyone need prayer for something that they have been too embarrassed to ask for prayer for?