



Bible study for the week starting June 6, 2021

Prayer - Luke 11:1-13

PREPARE & SHARE

1. After praying please go around and share some highs and lows, especially with the lens of what is God up to in your life. And then share insights, questions, or challenges raised in the message.
2. Please share with one another instances of prayer answered and prayer that has seemingly gone unanswered.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

3. As Jesus began to answer this disciple's request, He said, "When you pray..." (v. 2). The word "when" implied that each disciple would set aside time to pray. How often should we pray? Read these verses to be encouraged on your prayer life: Luke 18:1; 21:36; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:17.
4. Jesus instructed His disciples to pray that our Father's "will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (v. 2). From this week's sermon do you have some fresh insights that answer the question: What is the will of God?
5. This we do know, God's revealed will is found in His ways, which are found in His Word. If you are willing to dive deeper, here are some places where that is discussed. 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 5:18
1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Peter 2:15; 2 Peter 3:9.
6. How do we know when (if at all) to stop persisting in prayer when God doesn't clearly answer or He does answer in a way contrary to what we have requested?
7. If you're like me, sometimes I wonder if it is a cop-out to pray, "If it is Your will?" Do you ever feel like this? Can we know God's will for a specific situation in advance?
8. Why does God delay to answer prayers that seemingly would be for His glory to answer now?
9. Matthew and Luke use two somewhat interchangeable words regarding forgiveness: debt ("debtor" makes me want to sing the Lord's Prayer 🙏) & sin. Discuss why both are appropriate. Do either of these words bless you in the concept of forgiveness given/received or is either a stumbling block to you?
10. In the parable of the persistent friend, Jesus' point was that the man did not rise and answer the request out of friendship; rather, he rose and obliged the request for a different, specific reason. What was that reason (see v. 8)? How does that apply to your prayer life?

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER



A Heart for God

The Gospel of Luke

"Prayer" - Luke 11:1-13
June 6, 2021 - Pastor D. R. Hilken

Mary & Martha=how to worship - and next HOW TO PRAY

Jesus' PRAYER life

Verses 2-4 - The Lord's Prayer which is really YOUR prayer (1-2-3)

- a) The prayer starts with focusing on WHO God is
- b) In HEAVEN - a VANTAGE point that we don't have
- c) Hallowed - Kingdom - Will (passive)
has been and should rightfully be and will happen ultimately
- d) Our daily bread - provision for the here and now and each day
until the limitless banquet (parallels to MANNA)
- e) US and OUR - our faith is PERSONAL but not PRIVATE
- f) A proof of being a saved child of God is being a FORGIVER
Luke 7:47 & Ephesians 4:32

(why the additional ending?)

Verses 5-12 provides additional prayer instruction
based on verses 2-4

Verses 5-8 - today strange - first century SILLY

Verses 9-10 - KEEP ON asking, seeking, knocking

Verses 11-12 - a human father provides

Verse 13 - How much MORE

Children of God know Him as Father, seeking,
with bold PERSISTENCE, to advance His KINGDOM PURPOSES