

## 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.”

<sup>2</sup> He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ <sup>7</sup> And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup> “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. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> 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!”



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### PRAYER IS **EXPECTED**.

- Jesus teaches us to pray with **SHAMELESS AUDACITY**.
- Jesus was not asked, “How does God **receive** prayers?” He was asked, “How do we **PRESENT** our prayers.”
- We must pray shamelessly because we **are** his **CHILDREN**, and we must pray shamelessly so we can **GROW** as his children.
- What Jesus tells us about prayer makes no sense, unless it’s prayed on **FAMILY TERMS**.

### How Children Pray:

1. **AGGRESSIVELY**.
  - **ADOPTION** makes sense of Christian prayer.
2. **TRUSTINGLY**.

### PRAYER IS **LEARNED**.

1. By **PRAYING**.
2. By **MEDITATING** on scripture
3. By praying **WITH OTHERS**.
4. By **READING** about prayer.

### PRAYER IS **ANSWERED**.

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## GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Marriage Seminar – April 28
- Parent / Child Dedication – May 13
- Amor House-building trip – July 19-21

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Luke 11:1-13** together.

In general, parables have one point. **What would you say is THE POINT of this parable that Jesus tells?**

2. **What about this parable do you find surprising, or confusing or helpful?**

3. **Looking at verses 2-4, why is this such an important, powerful prayer?**

### GETTING PERSONAL

4. The language of this prayer is crucial, and really only makes sense when prayed on *family terms*... To know that God is your Father, and you are his child. We mentioned during the sermon two ways that children speak to their parents... and pray. **Why are these two ways of approaching God appropriate, and what would it look like for you to pray this way:**

- Aggressively?
- Trustingly?

5. **In what ways have these ways of learning prayer been important for you... or how could they be?**

- By PRAYING.
- By MEDITATING on scripture
- By praying WITH OTHERS.
- By READING about prayer.

### BRINGING IT HOME

6. **Can you share ways in which you have seen prayers answered?**

FOR PERSONAL APPLICATION: If you have not already done so, begin to sketch out a basic plan for how you can come to God in prayer in a consistent way. You don't have to have answers for all of these questions... they are simply categories to get you started.

Frequency? \_\_\_\_\_

Time of day? \_\_\_\_\_

In conjunction with the Bible? (We recommend the CBR Journal) \_\_\_\_\_

How to "pray as you go"? \_\_\_\_\_

Someone to pray with? \_\_\_\_\_

Known barriers? \_\_\_\_\_

### PRAY TOGETHER