



STORY-FORMED

PARABLES OF JESUS

The Midnight Visitor – Luke 11:1-13

September 8, 2024

Bob concludes our series in the parables with Jesus' response to a disciple's request to learn how to pray. Have a listen as Jesus encourages his followers to be shamelessly confident in asking the ever-generous Father to give us what we need to live for him in all the opportunities, challenges and temptations we face as his disciples.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What does this parable show us about the Father? How does this contrast with our instinctive vision of him?
- Consider your own prayers to give insight into how we naturally see him?
- How does the gospel lead to a 'shameless life of prayer'?
- How does 'shame' affect your prayer life a) privately b) with others?
- Bob said "those who don't ask, reveal they don't believe they need help." Do you need to repent of self-reliance?
- "Ask, seek, knock. Keep asking. Keep seeking. Keep knocking. And he will give us the Holy Spirit". Pray! The Father loves to listen and give good gifts!