

Spiritual Habits: Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

SYNC

Prayer: Take 5-10 minutes to pray together as a group and center your hearts and your time on the Lord. It's ok if there is awkward silence, that can be a good thing.

Read through the passage out loud as a group. If available, use different translations and note any differences.

Is there anything in the passage that stands out to you? Are there any unusual words, themes, background items, etc... that stand out to you? Is there anything you need clarification on? If so, clarify them as a group, using scripture to give insight. Is there anything in the broader context to shed light upon verses?

ENGAGE

Read verse 1. Why was prayer important to Jesus? What request did one disciple make of Jesus? Why were they suddenly interested in prayer? What did Jesus teach them?

Read verse 2. What did it mean to Jesus to call God "Father"? What does it mean to you? (Ro 8:15; Jn 20:17)

What does it mean to hallow God's name? (Jn 17:1,4)
How do people dishonor God's name? (Ro 2:24)

What does it mean to pray, "your kingdom come"? (See footnote, Lk 17:21.) How is this prayer topic related to Jesus' ministry? To the disciples' mission?

Why pray for "daily" bread? (Ex 16:14-21) Why "our"? Why is forgiveness so necessary? Why pray for forgiveness every day? How can we forgive others? (Mt 18:21-35) Why do we need to pray about temptation? (1Pe 5:8)

Read verses 5-8. What is the main point of this parable? Read verses 9-10. How do these verses reinforce the lesson of the parable? What must we learn from this practically?

Read verses 11-13. In what respect are all fathers alike? How much more is our loving heavenly Father likely to give us the best gifts? What is the best gift?

REFLECT

Take some time to think about the practical applications concerning your prayer life. How does this shape your prayer life this week? What are 1-2 practices you will implement as a result of what you have learned?

