

Week 4: July 23 & 26

CONTEXT

In Luke 11:5-13, Jesus teaches about the importance of persistence in prayer, illustrating it with a parable of a friend requesting bread at midnight. He emphasizes God's readiness to give good gifts to those who ask, seek, and knock.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:5-13 5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence[a] he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for[b] a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

ICE BREAKER

Pick One!

1. What Bible story do you see completely different now than you did as a kid? **OR**
2. What's something you've had to unlearn about prayer as you've matured in your faith?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Luke 11:5-13 as a group.

Discuss this quote from Andrew Murray, *"Intercession is the highest exercise of our power as believers—a holy, priestly ministry wherein the believer abides in Christ and, from that position of union, channels the divine will and power of heaven down to earth for others."*

Who is in your life right now that needs a channel to the power of heaven? (Who needs salvation? Wisdom? Provision? Healing? etc.)

In verses 9-10, Jesus tells us to ASK, SEEK and KNOCK. Have a discussion on what each of these look like in prayer life. If you're honest, which one of these do you get stuck on? Explain your answer or give an example.

Sermon quote: "As you knock in prayer, don't forget whose door you are knocking on. The God of the Universe is on the other side, and He will not lock you out." How does knowing that God will answer and he will not lock you out build your faith and confidence in God?

Who or what do you spend most of your prayer time praying for? What would happen if your prayers were tenacious, unwavering, persevering, and shameless just like the prayer Jesus is teaching us in Luke 11?

If you heard Jesus teach this message, what question would you want to ask him?

Anytime we read God's Word, we need to ask the question, "What does this story teach us about who God is?" As a group, make a list of the attributes of God that are revealed in this passage of scripture?

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. As a group of men or women, choose something or someone to pray bold, tenacious and persistent prayers for. Ask, Seek, Knock and claim His promises!

Closing Prayer. (come back together as a group)

God, thank you that you are worthy of our praise and worthy of our whole lives, not just part of it. God, in your grace and power, we ask for you to move in power in our families, our cities, our world and our Ones. God, draw those far from you to yourself and we ask that you give us the opportunity to be your voice, hands and feet to proclaim the Gospel and your goodness. Thank you Jesus, for your grace that is always enough. Jesus we trust you & pray in the power of your name, amen.



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