

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And he said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

Jesus wants your prayers to be relational. (v.1-4)

Father

Daily

Us

Jesus wants your prayers to be persistent (v.5-8)

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 he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

Jesus wants your prayers to be answered. (v.9-13)

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 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!"

"The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays."

— Soren Kierkegaard

Big Idea: Prayer is the means to having a relationship with God.

"Prayer is the sum of our relationship with God. We are what we pray. The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. Our ability to love is our ability to pray."

— Carlo Carretto

Discussion Questions | **with** - Luke 11:1–13

Read Luke 11:1–13

- How relational is your prayer life, both in your relationship with God and in how you pray for others?
- What are a few things you have been persistently praying about?
- What is something you need to be more persistent in praying for?
- How have you seen God answer your prayers?
- In what ways has prayer changed you?
- How would you describe your relationship with God right now? (Cold or distant, thriving, joyful, stressful, etc.)
- What is one way God may be inviting you to change or grow your prayer life this month?