

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus: God Revealed!

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of August 5, 2015

Main Point: Prayer invites God into our daily lives.

Luke 11:1-13

CONNECT

What is the most outlandish thing you have ever asked for as a birthday or Christmas gift? Did you get it?

When you pray, do you find yourself asking for extravagant things or "small" things? What are some of the things you have prayed for? How has God answered some of your prayers?

What prayers have you been afraid to say out loud to others?

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Have a Volunteer READ Luke 11:1-4.

Verses 2-4 have a prayer usually called the "Lord's Prayer" or the "Model Prayer." What is your favorite phrase of this prayer, and why?

How does calling God "Father" give power to our prayers?

How has God revealed Himself to you as Father? What attributes of God as Father are most important to you? Why?

Why is it sometimes hard to acknowledge our need for God in the role of Father?

What is the kingdom of God? Why can it be so challenging to articulate? What evidence do you see that God's kingdom is present in our world today?

What do you think Jesus meant by "daily bread" (v. 3)? What is daily bread to us?

What role does God play in meeting your daily needs? What role should He play?

What is the significance of Jesus' instructions in verses 3 and 4 to pray for "us" instead of "me"?

Have another volunteer Read Luke 11:5-10.

How does the parable in Luke 11:9-10 apply to our communication with God?

What did Jesus say the results of asking, seeking, and knocking would be? Share an experience when you have found this to be true.

Do you think there's a catch to this promise? If so, what?

Have another volunteer Read Luke 11:11-13.



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Based on these verses, why can we have confidence in God's answers to our prayers?

What is the ultimate gift God gives His children, according to verse 13?

SERVE

What are some of the things you typically ask for in prayer? Do you think you typically request good things? What do you think you should start praying for?

How can you change the way you pray this week?

Are the prayers of our group big enough? Do our prayers invite God to provide for us?

PRAYER

To close today's group time, quote the Lord's Prayer together. End the prayer by asking God to keep prayer at the forefront of everyone's minds this week, and for a new appreciation of His involvement in our lives.



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