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Luke 11:1-13

we pray with purpose - Luke 11:1-4

when you pray, say - Luke 11:1-2a

- there is more to prayer than improvising - prayer requires intention

Father - Luke 11:2b

- we assume God's care for us and welcome his role in our lives

hallowed be your name - Luke 11:2c

- we keep God's name holy, not use it as a filler

your kingdom come - Luke 11:2d

- we pray God's kingdom come, not our kingdom come

give us each day our daily bread - Luke 11:3

- we seek God for the needs of the day and trust him with the concerns of the future

forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us -

Luke 11:4a

- we seek God's forgiveness as we continually offer forgiveness to others and lead us not into temptation - Luke 11:4b

- we seek God's guidance and trust him with the outcome

we approach God with confidence because we believe he is good - Luke 11.5-13

Next Steps

- This week I will seek forgiveness from a person I have wronged.
- This week I will offer forgiveness to a person who has wronged me.
- I will pray for the Pastoral Search Team daily in 2015.
- I will attend Restart 2015 this week and engage in each prayer experience fully.



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Daily Devotional Plan-What the Bible says about Praying with Purpose.

Day 1 – James 5:16

Day 2 – Philippians 4:4-7

Day 3 – 1 John 5:14-15

Day 4 – Luke 6:27-28

Day 5 – Matthew 6:6-8

Day 6 – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Day 7 – Romans 12:12

To go deeper: Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper/journal/laptop/etc.:

- What did you hear? (*What did God say to you as you read the Scriptures for the day?*)
- What do you think? (*What does it mean to you, how does it apply to your life, and what difference will it make to you?*)
- What will you do? (*What action step will you take? How will you think differently? How will you live differently?*)
- Now talk to God (*Put your thoughts into prayer. It could be a prayer of gratitude or praise. It could be a prayer of confession or a request for God's help. It's up to you. But take a minute each day to write a prayer response to what you read in the Scriptures.*)

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

January 4, 2015

Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on winter break**. We will continue to provide a few questions each week that can be used for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups choosing to meet for a portion of the winter break.

Lesson Aim: To become more purposeful in our prayers, and to continue to grow in a spirit of gratitude.

Prayer: Start your time together by asking the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion.

Icebreaker: What is something that you are grateful for in life right now?

1. **Read Luke 11:1-4.** Why do you think that the disciples felt the need to ask Jesus “how” to pray?
2. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.** Why do you think that it is important to be thankful and rejoice always in the midst of all circumstances?
3. What is a circumstance or situation today that you are dealing with that you need to rejoice about and put before God in prayer?
4. **Philippians 4:6-7** says that we should not be anxious about anything but just put our situations before God in prayer. Why do you think that we still continue to stress or be anxious over matters once we have prayed about them?
5. What can you do this upcoming year to improve your quality prayer time with God?