

PRAYER

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LUKE 11:1-13

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

JESUS & PRAYER

► Luke 3:21-22; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28-29; 11:1

PRAYER LESSONS (Luke 11:2-13)

- ❶ Prayer is relational, not magical
(Matthew 6:7-8; Psalm 27:8)
- ❷ Prayer is directed to "our Father"
(Luke 11:2, 11-13)
- ❸ Prayer looks up in worship
(Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:9; Psalm 8)
- ❹ Prayer looks forward in faith
(Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:10)

- ❺ Prayer looks inward at personal needs
(Luke 11:3)
- ❻ Prayer involves giving & receiving forgiveness
(Luke 11:4a; Matthew 6:14-15)
- ❼ Prayer seeks deliverance from temptation & evil
(Luke 11:4b; Matthew 6:13)
- ❽ Prayer needs to be bold & persistent
(Luke 11:5-8)
- ❾ Prayer is commanded & backed by promises
(Luke 11:9-10)

- I will pray the Lord's prayer daily this week (Matthew 6:9-13 or Luke 11:2-4).
- I will be praying for The Bridge and the Hansens during this time of transition.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

1. **READ Luke 11:1-4.** Jesus begins by praising God the Father for His Person. What do you love to praise Him for? What are one or two passages in Scripture that you like to read that describe His greatness?
2. Next Jesus prays for God's purposes (Kingdom) to be fulfilled. **READ** the following verses. What do they teach us about how God's Kingdom "comes" through His followers?
 - **Matthew 28:18-20:**
 - **Luke 10:27-28:**
 - **Romans 8:29:**
 - **2 Corinthians 5:20-21:**
3. Jesus then asks for God's provision. **READ Matthew 20:29-34.** If Jesus were to show up and ask you, "What would you like Me to do for you?" what would you say?

4. Next Jesus invites us to ask for forgiveness of sins. Take a moment to pray and ask God to forgive you of any sins that come to mind.
5. One of the key principles from Pastor Scott's message was that "Prayer involves giving & receiving forgiveness." What are some reasons that it's easy to ask God to forgive us when we sin against Him but difficult to forgive others when they sin against us?
6. Finally Jesus models seeking protection. What makes you feel weak and tempted?
7. **READ Luke 11:5-10 & Matthew 6:7-8.** How is the persistence of asking, seeking & knocking that Jesus describes in the Luke verses different than the vain repetition He describes in the Matthew verses?
8. Why do you think that God wants us to persevere in praying? Why doesn't He always answer immediately?
9. **READ Luke 11:11-13.** Jesus seems to know that we tend to doubt God's favorable disposition toward us. Why do you think we doubt this, and how have you seen this doubt effect your own prayers?
10. What helps you believe that God is good and wants to answer your prayers?

As you close in prayer, use Jesus' example from Luke 11:1-4 or Matthew 6:9-13 as a guide.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the "Messages" link.