

LUKE 11:1-13 *The Lord's Prayer*

INTRODUCTION

The disciples observed Jesus praying and are curious. In this text, Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray.

DISCUSSION

What is prayer?

EXPLANATION

- Why do the disciples ask Jesus about prayer?
- How does Jesus teach about prayer?
- Break down the Lord's Prayer and the principles that you learned regarding prayer.
- How does the way Jesus begins the prayer align our hearts for prayer?
- How are the requests Jesus make oriented towards God's kingdom?
- How does Jesus portray the Father in His response to prayers?
- How does the Father's inclination differ from the sleeping friend?
- What do these differences teach us about God's willingness to respond to our prayers?

APPLICATION

- What aspects of the Lord's Prayer do you gravitate towards naturally?
- What aspects do you tend to neglect?
- How can we grow as a community of prayer?
- What did you learn about God's character from Jesus' prayer?
- Prayer: Ask the Spirit to teach you how to pray.
- Prayer: Pray through the Lord's Prayer
- Recall a time when God answered a prayer and share it with the group.
- Why does Jesus want us to be persistent in prayer?
- What do these verses reveal about God's nature? Is this consistent with your view of Him?
- What are we praying for today?
- How are those things aligned with the purposes of God?
- Pray for Jesus to continue to teach us how to pray.