

PRAYER

Community Group Questions
Sunday, August 21
"How To Pray"
Luke 11:5-13 and Luke 18:1-8

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Read Luke 11:5-13 and Luke 18:1-8 before answering the following questions:

1. Jesus tells two stories in the two passages you just read. The first story, Luke 11, is about three friends. One of those friends gets a knock on his door at midnight from a second friend asking him for bread. How would you say this friends, the one who gets a knock on his door, is not like God?
2. The second story, in Luke 18, is about a widow and a judge. How would you say we're not like the widow and God is not like the judge?
3. Once you've answered these first two questions, give some thought to what this teaches us about prayer. (Write this down to share with your small group.)
4. In Luke 11, Jesus follows up his story with two statements about prayer. The first is found in verses 9-10 and the second in verses 11-13. What do you learn about prayer from these two statements? Are there any questions about prayer they created for you? (Discuss both answers to these two questions with your small group.)
5. In Luke 18, Jesus also follows up his story with two statements about prayer. The first is found in verses 6 and 7. The second is found in verse 8. What do you learn about prayer from these two statements? Are there any questions they create for you? (Discuss both answers to these two questions with your small group.)
6. The statement Jesus makes about prayer in Luke 11:9-10 might sound open ended to you, where God is promising to give you whatever you ask in prayer. What other truth about God and prayer from scripture do we learn that provides clarity to this?
7. Write down what you think are the greatest gifts that God gives to us. List them in order of greatness.
8. Once you've answered the above question (#7) read Luke 11:13. Where would you put this gift on your list? Why?
9. After answering all of the above questions, write down a one sentence summary of what we learn in answer to the question - How should I pray?



This week's
readings:
(Aug 22 - 28)

Monday - Luke 13 | Ps 90

Tuesday - Luke 14 | Ps 91

Wednesday - Luke 15 | Ps 92

Thursday - Luke 16 | Ps 93

Friday - Luke 17-18 | Ps 94

Saturday - Luke 19 | Ps 95

Sunday - Luke 20 | Ps 96