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## Persistent Prayer

Discussion Guide  
November 11, 2018  
Luke 11:5-13 & 18:1-8

### Questions for Study

\*\* Before you begin, please read Luke 11:5-13 & 18:1-8 as a group.

1. To get the group sharing—what have been some of your more recent experiences with prayer? Is it a struggle for you to pray regularly, or is it something that comes naturally to you?
2. What is your most frequent *motivation for praying*? *Why do you think that is*?
3. Why is the approach to prayer found in these two passages so counter-intuitive to us?
4. Are these passages saying that we are *bothering God when we pray to Him*?
5. Why are we told to pray this way—persistently and with “shameless audacity”?
6. In the Lord’s prayer (see Luke 11:2-4 or Matt. 6:9-13), what is the metaphor given for how we should address God? Why is this significant?
7. How do little children make asks of their parents? Do you have any personal examples of this?
8. Read John 1:12. Talk about the Christian doctrine of “adoption.” What does this mean, and what are the implications of this for prayer?
9. What were some of the other ways the pastor mentioned that people tend to approach God like?
10. Give some thoughts on this quote: “Your Father always gives you what you would’ve asked for, if you knew everything He knows.”
11. If you’ve been asking God for something over and over again (for weeks and months), what might be the reasons He’s not given it to you?
12. What are some practical tools that you have found helpful for prayer? (Examples might be the “A.C.T.S.” acronym, prayer apps like “Echo Prayer”, etc.)