

Sunday, September 25

"Lord, Teach Us To Pray" (Luke 11:1-13)

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Key Passage: Luke 11:1-13

- Feel free to read the passage out loud as a group
- Now would also be a great time to allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Consistently throughout the book of Luke, we see Jesus make time to get away and connect with his Father.
- It is a necessary rhythm to connect with God on a deeper level and THEN go and do kingdom work
- The disciples saw Jesus creating a rhythm of prayer and they ask him to teach them to do the same.
- Jesus said when you pray, say:
 - Father, Hallowed Be Your name
 - Praying to God as father is 1. How Jesus prayed 2. An accurate image of God 3. Fostering Community
 - God is our good father but he is also set apart (hallowed) and worthy of honor and adoration
 - Your Kingdom Come
 - That the Lord would rule and reign in our lives
 - This is a dangerous prayer because when we pray your kingdom come we're saying our kingdom is no more
 - Give us each day our daily bread
 - We need to recognize that all things are from Him
 - If we started each day asking God to provide and our gratitude and thankfulness would soar
 - Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us
 - Specific prayers of confession to God on a daily basis
 - Extending forgiveness and compassion to EVERYONE
- Sin and Unforgiveness hinder effective prayer

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How is your rhythm of getting away to connect with God on a deeper level going?
2. How do you think your image of God is shaping the way that you pray currently?
3. How do you need to grow in seeing God as your father?
4. What prevents you from asking for and being aware of God's provision in your life?
5. What does it look like for you to pray "Your Kingdom come" in your life, home, work, or ministry?
6. How can you move forward in specific and daily times of confession? What are some next steps for you in forgiving others?