

SERIES TITLE: Becoming More Like Jesus

PART SIX: PRAYING LIKE JESUS

TEXT: LUKE 11:1-13

INTRODUCTION.

At this very moment, if your faith is in Christ alone, God is at work shaping you into the image of his Son (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18). One day, in God's presence, you will be fully like him (1 John 3:2). Until that day of perfection, your growth in Christ-likeness won't happen accidentally. It takes intentionality. Through this seven-week study in Luke's Gospel, we are pursuing this together as an assembly of God's people.

DISCUSSION.

What do you think are some of the most common wrong ideas about prayer?

EXAMINATION.

11:1-4

What do you think prompted the disciples to ask this question of Jesus?

Compare the prayer in Matthew 6. What is different?

What does this example or model teach us about prayer?

11:5-10

Why would the friend not want to answer the request?

From this example, how would you define what Jesus calls "impudence" or "boldness"?

What do you see in the phrase "ask, seek, knock" that is meaningful?

11:11-13

What point is Jesus making with the example of gifts a father gives a son?

Why is the Holy Spirit equated with a "good gift"?

APPLICATION.

- Is there value in simply praying the words of "The Lord's Prayer"? Why or why not?
- Using this prayer as a pattern, what aspect of prayer do you find the most challenging?

- When have you been bold in prayer?
- How difficult is it to boldly ask God, but also to humbly accept his answer because he is a good father who knows what is best?
- Can you share examples of a time you were persistent in asking, seeking, and knocking?
- In what sense can you/should you ask the Father for the Holy Spirit, when you are already a temple of the Spirit?
- Can you think of any situations you can ask God for his Spirit to work in your life this week?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?