

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Father...

LUKE 11:1-13

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

OBSERVE, INTERPRET & APPLY // LUKE 11:1-13

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: Jesus compels us to pray by reminding us Who we pray to—a gracious and compassionate heavenly Father.

1. Read Luke 11:1-4.
2. In verses 1-2, what prompts the disciples to ask Jesus to teach them to pray? What might we learn about Jesus' prayer life from this scene?
3. Don't run past the fact that the disciples ask to be taught to pray. What does this tell us about prayer? What does this question tell us about the disciples and ourselves?
4. Notice the first word of Jesus' model prayer, "Father." What significance does this have for our prayer life? How is it we can address God as "Father"?
5. In verse 2, what do you notice about the first two petitions of Jesus' model prayer? How should this inform our prayer life?
6. In verse 3, what does it mean to pray "Give us each day our daily bread"? What might this type of petition look like for us?
7. In verse 4, Jesus teaches us to ask for forgiveness of our sins. If we've already been forgiven by Christ in the gospel, why do we need to ask for forgiveness? How does this relate to our forgiving others?
8. What does it mean to pray "lead us not into temptation"? What might this kind of prayer look like for us?
9. Identify all the plural pronouns in this prayer. What does this tell us about the nature of prayer and how does it inform how we should pray?
10. Read Luke 11:5-13.
11. Summarize the point of Jesus sharing this lesson. What is he *not* saying about God? What is he saying about God?

12. How do these verses teach us persistence is needed in prayer? Why does Jesus feel the need to teach us about persistence in our prayer lives?
 13. What point is Jesus making about God's character in verses 11-12? How should this compel us to pray persistently?
 14. How do Jesus' words in verse 13 inform verse 9? What is Jesus promising? What is he not promising?
 15. Summarize how Jesus teaches us to pray and why.
- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How is your soul in the midst of this strange and uncertain time?