

Luke 11:1-13

Pray & the Read 11:1-13

OBSERVATION

1. Where was Jesus (v. 1)? What was he doing? What did his disciples ask him?
2. Look at the prayer Jesus gives to them (v. 2-4). How should they address God? What things should they pray for?
3. In the story that Jesus tells (v. 5-8), why does the man give his friend bread?
4. Is it because of their friendship or because of the man's impudence?
5. What is the relationship between: Asking and it being given (v. 9 and 10)? Seeking and finding (v. 9 and 10)? Knocking and it being opened (v. 9 and 10)?
6. What things might a son ask his father for (v. 11-12)? What won't a father give his child?
7. What might we ask the heavenly Father for (v. 13)?
8. Is he more or less likely than an earthly father to give us what we ask for?

INTERPRETATION

9. Is Jesus giving us the actual words that we should pray or is he giving us a pattern to follow in our prayers? Or both?
10. What does it mean to pray for God's name to be "hallowed" (v. 2)?

11. What does it mean to pray for the Father's kingdom to come (v. 2)?
12. Why should we pray for "daily bread" (v. 3)?
13. Why does our asking for forgiveness involve our forgiving others (v. 4)?
14. Why would we need to ask God not to lead us into temptation (v. 4)?
15. What is the point of the story in v. 5-8?
16. Is God a reluctant friend who needs to be badgered into helping?
17. How does that encourage us to be "impudent" in our prayers?
18. How does our heavenly Father compare to our earthly fathers? Is he better and kinder? If so, how does that encourage us to pray?

APPLICATION

19. How could your prayers better reflect the priorities that Jesus lays out in his prayer?
20. What things do you need to ask your heavenly Father for? How would you pray differently if you were really convinced that God wanted to hear you and bless you?

Pray