



## **Series Discussion Questions**

### **Series: Prayer**

Many of us grew up reciting the "Lord's Prayer," but what is it all about? Is it just something we all say together just to be in unity? Or is there more? Over these next weeks, as we move through the season of Lent, we will also take a deeper look into the prayer that our Lord Jesus taught his disciples. We will try on new ways of praying, but your community group is a great and safe place to take on these new experiences.

### **INTRODUCE IT**

Talk as a group about your own experiences with prayer while growing up and even today.

When you pray, what is hard about it? What feels right about it? What are the things that keep you from praying?

### **STUDY IT**

#### **Read Luke 11:1-4**

What specifically did the disciple ask Jesus and what are all the ways he could have asked this?

In mentioning John and his disciples, what do we learn about prayer during that time?

Talk as a group about everything that stands out to you about Jesus' response.

What are the 4 categories of the prayer that he teaches them?

Remembering the disciples "ask", Jesus gives here part 1 of a 3-part teaching "to pray." He starts with "what to pray." Jesus doesn't end it with "what to pray." He goes on to tell a parable to teach them two more lessons to further teach them "to pray."

#### **Read Luke 11:5-13**

Jesus tells them a parable. What are all the events of the parable?

Lesson 2 is given in Jesus' statement in verse 9-10. What is his point in making this?

Lesson 3 is given in 12-13. What is his point in telling them 12-13?

In 9-11, there are actions that come with promises. What are the 3 actions listed and the 3 promises connected to each?

What do these 3 action and promises tell you about God?

**USE IT:**

Many times we think of prayer as an effort to get what we want out of God. God is our "sugar daddy" so to speak. If we just say the right thing the right way, he will give us what we want. In what ways does this describe your attitude toward prayer and how has this passage challenged that thinking?

What new stood out to you in this prayer that you hope to apply to your own prayer life?

This morning we learned a new way to pray-breathing prayer. Talk as a group about your thoughts around this new experience.