

Getting Your Prayers Answered

Luke 11:1-13

05.09.10 LG Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. **The Problem.** Given the amazing promises associated with prayer, why do you think Christians don't pray more—busyness, lack of self-discipline, doubt it will make a difference, other reasons? Do you pray as much as you wish you would? If not, what keeps you from praying more? Explain.

Getting into the Bible

2. **The Pattern.** Read Luke 11:1-4. Why did Jesus give His disciples the “Lord’s prayer”? If we use it as a model for our prayers, what sorts of things should we include when we pray? Which one is the most important to you? Why?
3. **The Parable.** Read Luke 11:5-8. Describe a time when, like the friend in this parable, you felt God was unresponsive to your prayers. Tell of a current need you have and what this parable has taught you about how to ask God for it?
4. **The Promise.** Read Luke 11:9-13. How do verses 9 to 10 reinforce the truth Jesus was emphasizing in His parable about prayer? What is it about God Himself that assures us that He will answer our prayers? Give a recent example of how God has graciously answered your prayers.

Getting Personal and Practical

5. **The Plan.** It’s said, “If you aim for nothing, you’ll be certain to hit it.” That is true of prayer. If we don’t have a plan, we won’t get around to praying for what we need. Describe your plan for prayer this week—including when, where, and what you’ll pray for. If you haven’t established a plan for prayer yet, try the plan called “7 Minutes with God” and report to your life group how it goes for you.