

Small Group Bible Study / Discussion

Sermon Series: *Lord, teach us to pray*

Sermon Title: Prayer: Learn from the Master
Passage: Luke 11:1-3; 18:1-14; 22:39-46

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Think about it

- How do we teach / learn life skills?
- Why would Jesus (who is sinless, God-man, perfect) have to pray?
- How does prayer help you?
- What do you find difficult about prayer?

Examine it

Luke 11:1-13

- What did the disciples ask Jesus to do?
- What does Jesus say to do in verse 9?
- What does the story in verses 5-8 have to do with what He says?
- What does Jesus say about the heavenly Father?

Luke 18:1-14

- What does Jesus say about the judge and the widow in this story?
- What attitudes do the Pharisee and the tax collector have toward God, and toward each other?
- What does Jesus say about humility?

Luke 22:39-46

- What is going on in Jesus' life at this moment?
- What does He tell His disciples to do?
- What does He do?

Discuss it

- What do you think the disciples noticed about Jesus' prayer life?
- What have you learned recently about "the Lord's prayer"?
- What kind of Father is God?
- Why should we be persistent, and not give up in our prayers? Why is that hard?
- When you pray, do you tend to be more like the Pharisee or tax collector in Luke 18? In what ways?
- How can we grow in humility?
- Describe Jesus' prayer in the garden (Luke 22)
- Describe Jesus' prayer / praying in the following passages in Luke: 3:21; 5:15-16; 6:12-13; 9:28-29; 10:21-22; 23:34, 46 - What can we learn from observing Jesus prayer life?

Live it out

- How well do you do at "getting alone with God" on a regular basis? What could make that better?
- Do you have a regular habit of prayer? If so, what does it look like? If not, what might help to develop one?

Pray about it

What does this study prompt you to pray about?

...something to praise God for? ...thank God for? ...confess? ...ask for?

Additional passage for meditation or memory: Luke 5:15-16; 6:12-13; 21:36; Matthew 7:7-12

Next week's passage: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Romans 9:9-17; Hebrews 1:1-2