

Hill City Church

Luke - Guide (Dec. 2)

Luke Part 34 / The Lord's Prayer

Go over the rules of Group Discussion:

- Use 'I' statements. These statements break denial structures.
- No rescuing people as they are speaking. Do not finish someone's sentence if they start struggling to find words. Let them fully process their thought; it might be the first time they are wrestling with something
- No side chatter.
- Pray. Invite God to further His kingdom in your group. Ask for blind spots to be revealed in your members' lives.

Reading:

1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." 2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

*"Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread,
4 and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation."*

- Luke 11: 1-4

Getting Started

Leader: create your own opening to discussion that draws in the group's attention.

Read the above verses

1. Start this week by praying about these things:

- a. Pray for God to open your hearts and minds about prayer and who God is.
- b. Pray for a richer understanding of who God is, and what it means for Him to provide.
- c. Pray for earnest seeking, and what it means to take the next step and “knock”.
- d. Pray for a richer understanding of who God is as a Father, and what that means for you.

Going Deeper

As we continue through Luke, we want people to be able to voice their thoughts and questions; however, we do not necessarily want to fill those with answers. As we walk through the book of Luke, we will be confronted with what we think we already know about Jesus versus what the bible says about Jesus. We will be confronted with whether we are worshiping the Jesus of the bible, or a Jesus we have created in our head. Create an environment where people can just shout out a thought they have.

1. How could having the right view of prayer shape the way and the frequency of your prayer?
 - a. How do you view prayer?
2. How can The Lord’s Prayer be both a format of how to pray, and as a means to point us to whom we are praying to?
3. What is the definition of “*impudence*” in relation to its use in verse 8?
 - a. Leader hint: *Impudence - Shameless audacity*
 - b. Have you ever exercised this in relation to God?

Application

Confession and repentance is the ongoing theme of the believer’s life. As God reveals truth to us, we confess where we have sinned against Him, and change our way.

1. What have you projected of your Earthly father onto God, your Heavenly Father?
 - a. How has that helped/hindered your relationship with God?
2. When was the last time you grew weary of someone asking of you?
 - a. How did you respond?
 - b. Knowing this, read Lamentations 3:22-23
 - c. Have your group say this after you:

- i. *"Thank you God for not growing weary of me like I grow weary of others"*
- d. How can understanding this help you to love others better?
3. Do you tend to view God as an Expector (someone who expects something of or from you) or as a Giver?
 - a. How has that shaped your prayer life?
4. What is something in your life that you have continuously asked for, but have failed to seek and knock for?
 - a. What is something you could do to start seeking/knocking in that area?

Transparency & Vulnerability:

If you haven't done so already, split up the men and women in your group.

- Ask if there is anything that needs to be dragged out and confessed before the light of God. Darkness cannot live in the light. Read James 5:16.
- Pray for each other; lay hands on and pray when needed.