



Listening Guide
Sunday, June 25, 2017
Series: Teach Us To Pray
Title: Rethinking Prayer
Text: Luke 11:1 – 13

11 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.”⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves,’⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

1. Biblical Praying is _____.

2. Godliness requires an _____ time in _____ prayer.

- **Godliness**
- **Fruitfulness**
- **Honor**

3. Enter the _____.

We can all improve in our prayer life.

- **Praise**
- **Repentance**
- **Ask**
- **Yield**



Application Guide
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Home Group Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Home groups meet weekly and will provide you an opportunity to review the message, and to apply it to your life personally. Also, thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the truths we are learning.

Large Group

1. Was there any passage of scripture or statement in the message today that was particularly meaningful or applicable to you?

Small Group

2. Read **Matthew 26:40-41**. What in your experience makes thoughtful, focused, and alert praying such a challenge?
3. Read **1 Timothy 2:1** and **Philippians 4:6**. What are some of the barriers you've encountered to praying about more situations and for more people? How can you overcome these barriers? When your prayers narrow to just a few things (due to a lack of diligence), about what do you end up regularly praying? What is the danger of having such a short prayer list and prayer time?
4. Read **1 Samuel 12:23**. There were clearly a variety of circumstances and people for which Samuel knew he must pray. Why do think it is hard for Christians these days to see brief, narrow, and paltry praying as a sin?
5. Read **1 Peter 4:7**. How can a persistent thought of Christ's imminent return motivate you to pray better and more comprehensively?