

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church

What is a Disciple?

Disciples Pray

Luke 11:1-13



Big Idea

A Disciple Can Confidently Say How and Why to Pray!

1. Jesus makes it very clear in his word how a disciple is to pray.
2. Jesus makes it very clear in his work why a disciple is to pray.

Introduction

On a scale of one to ten, how would you rate your prayer life? Why?

or, (alternative question)

Who is a person whose prayer life you admire? Why?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Luke 11:1-13

Pastor Brad said that Jesus' pattern in praying had two components, a vertical (things concerning God), and a horizontal (things concerning people). Identify these in Jesus' pray in verses 2-4. What do these teach us about God? About mankind?

Why should we approach God as "*Father*" (because Jesus said so is not an adequate answer)? How might an understanding of God as *Father* and God as *Holy* affect how we pray?

Why might Jesus say to pray "*your kingdom come*?" In what ways has God's kingdom already come? In what ways are we anticipating it to yet come?

What does “*Give us each day our daily bread*” teach us about how we should approach God in praying for our physical needs? Give an example of how you might pray like this.

How do we see both aspects of prayer (vertical & horizontal) on the subject of sin? Why do you think Jesus references both? Or, how do they relate to one another? How can prayer protect us from temptation?

Pastor Brad said to reference **I John 1:5-10**. Have someone read this. How does this passage relate to the Lord’s Prayer?

According to Jesus’ first illustration (vs 5-10), why does Jesus say we should pray? What does this teach us about the nature of prayer?

According to Jesus’ second illustration (vs 11-13) why does Jesus say we should pray? In this illustration Jesus uses the “*even more*” argument. What does this teach us about God’s love for us?

What does Jesus infer should be the desire of our hearts and God’s greatest gift to us (vs 13)? How might this affect our prayer life?

Next Steps

Think about what it means to have God as your “Father.”

Write out the name of someone who has sinned against you and you have forgiven (or need to forgive).

Write out a personal prayer that follows the pattern that Jesus taught us.

Prayer

Thank God for his love for us and invitation to approach him in prayer! Share life needs within your group and pray for one another. Remember that prayer requests need to remain confidential and not be repeated outside your group without permission.