

PEFC Weekly Family & Small Group Study Guide

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Paynesville Evangelical Free Church
Walking With Jesus
Walking in Prayer
Luke 11:1-13



Big Idea

Walking With Jesus is a Spirit Filled, Relational Experience When You Know Why & How You Pray!

1. Walking with Jesus is knowing how we should pray.
2. Walking with Jesus is knowing why we should pray.
3. Walking with Jesus is a Spirit-filled relational experience.

Introduction

How would you describe your “prayer life?” What areas do you enjoy or thrive in the most? What aspects of prayer would you like to grow in?

Bible Study Questions

Have someone read Luke 11:1-13

Why might Jesus have instructed us to refer to God as “*Father*?” What things might we learn about God and our relationship with him from the introduction (vs. 2)? How does this set the tone for our attitude in prayer?

Verse three relates to our physical needs. What does this verse teach us about how God cares for us? What might be an example of praying for *appropriate* things according to Jesus’ instruction? What might be an example of praying *inappropriately* for physical things? Explain.

According to verse four, what is the motivation for us to forgive others? Why would we need to regularly ask God to forgive our sins? Give an example of when you have asked for help to overcome temptation. How did you see God answer that prayer?

What do we learn about our motivation for praying in the parable in verses 5-8? Give an example of when God answered a “*long time*” prayer? An example of something you continue to pray for, seemingly without result? How might this encourage you?

What are the three actions Jesus says we should be diligent in (vs 9)? How are these “*audacious*” (vs. 8)? Give an example of what each might look like in a prayer need. What results should we look for (vs. 10)? How might we see these in real life?

What motivation does Jesus give us to pray in verses 11-13? How does Jesus compare and contrast us to our heavenly father? Explain how this “*greater-than*” argument illustrates God’s faithfulness.

How might receiving the “*Holy Spirit*” as our answer to prayer (vs 13) encourage us?

From this section. What would you tell a fellow disciple walking with Jesus who is urgently praying but does not see results?

Next Steps

Write out a personal prayer to God containing the elements that Jesus taught in verses 1-6.

Seek out someone that you need to forgive based on God's mercy of forgiving your daily sin.

Pray with "*audacity*" for the need most pressing in your life today.

Prayer

Thank Jesus for the opportunity to approach our heavenly father 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.