

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer - Luke 11:1-13

Topics: Children, Friendship, Generosity, Holy Spirit, Needs, Persistence, Prayer

Open It

1. What are children like when they want a certain toy?
- * 2. How do you react to someone's relentless requests for something?

Explore It

3. What was Jesus doing when one of His disciples approached Him? (11:1)
- * 4. What was the disciple's request? (11:1)
5. Who had taught his disciples to pray? (11:1)
6. What topics did Jesus' prayer cover? (11:2-4)
7. With what is God's forgiveness of us linked? (11:4)
- * 8. Why did the person in need go to the friend at midnight? (11:5-8)
9. Whom does the friend in the house represent? (11:5-8)
- * 10. Why did the friend eventually grant the man's request? (11:8)
11. What cause-and-effect connection did Jesus use to follow up on the parable? (11:9-10)
12. How do most parents respond to their children's requests? (11:11-12)
13. Why do parents grant their children's requests? (11:13)
14. How is God the Father like and unlike human fathers? (11:13)
15. What does God give to us? (11:13)

Get It

16. Why did the disciples need to be taught how to pray?
17. Why do we need to learn how to pray?
18. What opinions have you heard on how God responds to our prayers?
- * 19. How can we ask, seek, and knock when we approach our heavenly Father?
- * 20. What kinds of things do we—individually and collectively—usually ask for?
21. How might this passage change your expectations of prayer?

Apply It

- * 22. Whom can you call today or tomorrow and offer to pray on his or her behalf?
23. When can you plan for an extended period of prayer in the next few months?