

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”

Luke 11:1-13

Key Verse: 1

“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’”

1. Look at verse 1. What did the disciples observe about Jesus and what was their request (Mk 1:35)? Why did Jesus pray (5:15-16; 6:12-16)? What happened as Jesus prayed (3:21-22; 9:28-29)?
2. Read verse 2 again. According to Jesus, how should we address God and what does this say about our relationship with Him? (Jn 1:12-13; Gal 4:6-7)? What are the first two prayer topics that Jesus teaches us to pray and what do they mean? Why are they first (10:27; 1Co 10:31)?
3. Look at verses 3-4. What does Jesus tell us to pray for each day? Why is forgiving others important (Mt 6:14-15)? What does it mean to ask God to “lead us not into temptation” (1Co 10:12-13)? What do the words “us” and “our” imply about how we should pray?
4. In Jesus’ parable, what was the man’s situation and why was it urgent? How did he get what he needed? What does Jesus teach us about prayer in verses 9-10?
5. What do verses 11-13 reveal about our Father’s heart? Why is the Holy Spirit the best gift and how is this gift important for us today (Gal 5:22-23; Ac 1:8; Ac 4:29-31)?