

Review:

Lesson 1: Joyful & Teachable

Lesson 2: Spiritual Foundations

Lesson 3: The Audience of Parables

Lesson 4: What Love Looks Like

Teach Us to Pray Luke 11:1-13

Perhaps nothing is more an indicator of where we are on our spiritual growth journey than how we pray, i.e., the _____ of our conversation with God, how much listening we do, and whether we want the things He wants for us.

Discussion 1. Think back about your very first prayers (perhaps as a child); then think about your prayers from the next phase of your life, and then the next. How have your prayers changed? What are you learning NOW in your prayer life? Do you think you should always be learning something about prayer, no matter how old you are?

Our persistence in prayer does not change God; but it does change us. And as we change, our relationship with God changes. And that, as it turns out, is the _____ of _____.

Discussion 2. If you have ever prayed persistently for something over a long period of time, how did it change you? What did you learn from it?

Prayer is not a means of getting God to do anything we want. It is, however, a means of taking all of the desires of our heart to God and allowing Him to either _____ them or _____ them.

Discussion 3. Have there been times when God did NOT grant the desire of your heart? What do/did you take away from that experience? Were there ever times when, in retrospect, you were actually GLAD He didn't give you what you wanted?

God knows so much better than we do what we really need in order to thrive in this world. Our prayers, then, should be less about getting more stuff and more about getting _____.

Discussion 4. Have you ever prayed for a better understanding of what it means to have the Spirit of God living in you? How has that understanding deepened for you over time?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?