

Review:

**Lesson 1:** Spiritual Warfare

**Lesson 2:** Encouraging the Prayerer

**Lesson 3:** Spirit-filled Prayer

**Lesson 4:** Wordless Prayer

## Shameless Prayer

Luke 11:5-13

*Words can help us pray, but they are not the point of our prayers. It is the heart behind the words that matters. Therefore, we should approach the sovereign God and creator of the universe with \_\_\_\_\_ and a sincere heart.*

**Discussion 1.** It is the heart that matters in our prayers, but words and environment can often help shape and prepare our hearts. What kind of environment makes it easier for you to hold your heart before the Lord? What kind of environment makes it difficult for you?

*The context behind Jesus' promises to give us what we ask for is that we are "abiding in Him" and His word is abiding in us; in other words, the asking, seeking, and knocking are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ because of our intimacy with Him.*

**Discussion 2.** To you, what is the difference between prayer from someone who is "abiding in Him" and prayer from someone who is not "abiding in Him"? What are some disciplines of a person who is abiding in Christ?

*Jesus' point about God's heart in hearing our prayers is profound: think about my desire to give my grandchild what she wants, then \_\_\_\_\_ that desire by infinity. That is God hearing my prayers.*

**Discussion 3.** Why does Jesus want us to understand how much God wants to give us what we ask him for? What is Jesus wanting to cultivate in us? How is He wanting to change how we pray?

*Other than our salvation itself, is there anything for which we could ask God that is more valuable, more helpful, or more of a blessing than His very Spirit, His \_\_\_\_\_ within us?*

**Discussion 4.** Can you think of a time in your life when you experienced God's presence in a profound way? Is there a season or circumstance in your near future when more of God's presence would be particularly helpful? Does this passage encourage you in that way?