

## Prayer is Doing Life with God

Luke 11:1-11

*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."<sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' "* Luke 11:1-4 (New International Version)

Jesus tells believers what He thinks is **important in prayer**.

- **First, it's important that BELIEVERS COME TO PRAYER AS CHILDREN.**

*... you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*  
Romans 8:15 (NIV)

*I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."* Mark 10:15 (NIV)

### How Do We Come to Prayer as Children?

- We come as we are.
- We come messy.
- We come in dependence.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*  
Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

- **Second, it's important that BELIEVERS HONOR GOD AS THEY PRAY.**

*'Father: May your holy name be honored. . .'* Luke 11:2a (Good News Translation)

"Hallowed be your name," = honoring God's Person

- **Third, it's important that BELIEVERS INVITE PRAYER TO CHANGE THEM.**

- ". . . Your kingdom come." = an invitation for God to rule in my life
  - "kingdom" = God's rulership or His rule and reign
  - Practical application: a believer prays about all important decisions and submits to God's will

- "Forgive us our sins . . ." = keeps my conscience clear toward God

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

- ". . . as we also forgive everyone who sins against us." = keep me free from the burden of unforgiveness (See Matthew 18:21-35 and Luke 7:41-50)

- "and lead us not into temptation." = a request for God to protect me from giving in to evil during times of trial or temptation

- **Fourth, it's important for BELIEVERS TO USE PRAYER TO ASK.**

- Ask as a child.

*"Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? . . . <sup>11</sup>If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"*  
Matthew 7:9, 11 (NIV)

- Believe as a child.