

# LG | Leader

[Luke 11:1-13]

## WARM-UP (5 mins)

Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- How was your week? How has your prayer life been this week since we have started 28 days of prayer?
- When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. The opening verse says that Jesus was praying in a certain place. Do you have a certain place? Where do you go to pray?

Every Christian needs a place to retreat to pray. If you do not currently have a place, maybe this is the year to change that.

2. The prayer Jesus prays here has historically been called the Lord's Prayer. Many scholars say that this prayer should be called the "Disciples Prayer"? Why do you think they might say that?

Jesus gave this prayer specifically to the disciples as a framework to talk to God. While Jesus affirms every aspect of this prayer (for He was God incarnate), there would be no need for Him to pray aspects of this prayer for He Himself was sinless and did not need forgiveness of sins. This prayer was tailored for the disciple and therefore tailored for us.

3. Like the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer is broken into vertical and horizontal sections. What lines of this prayer reflect our relationship with God and which lines reflect our relationship with others?

Vertical: Father, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come

Commentary Reference:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary (Crossway)

Horizontal: Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.

4. After reading verses 5-13, what do you think Jesus was communicating here? What conclusions can you draw?

Firstly, God expects us to be persistence in our praying (asking, seeking, knocking). Secondly, God hears and answers our prayers and expects us to be expectant in our praying.

5. Why do you think Jesus used a parable with fish, eggs, a serpent and a scorpion?

Fish and eggs were common food in Eastern cultures. Likewise, serpents and scorpions were common hazards. Jesus used examples they were familiar with. While these may be somewhat foreign to us, this resonated with Jesus's audience

6. In this text, we see another lesser to greater argument. Where is it?

Verse 13. (Example: If this...How much more will your heavenly Father...)

7. Some people ascribe to humans being innately good. How does this text refute that?

Verse 13. Jesus says, "If you then, who are evil." It was widely understood by Jesus's audience that human sinfulness was present in every human being.

## **PRAY (10 mins)**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**