

SERMON OUTLINE

GENEROUS IN PRAYER

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LUKE 11:5-13

Introduction

1. B _____

2. C _____

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3. B _____

4. T _____

5. Holy Spirit H _____

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

Icebreaker: If you could be mentored by an expert in some activity, what would that activity be and who would you choose as your mentor?

1. Read Luke 11:1. What did Jesus' disciples ask him to teach them to do? What do you think they observed that prompted this request?

2. Read Luke 11:5-8. The sermon pointed out that this story is not about similarities but about contrasts. Explain--what are the contrasts? Sum up the message of this story in one line.

3. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What role does Jesus now play in the lives of his followers? What did Jesus do that opened the door for us to approach God in prayer with confidence? Explain. What might inhibit boldness in your praying?

4. Read Luke 11:9, 10 and circle ask(s), seek(s), knock(s). What does the repetition of these three verbs emphasize? How else did Jesus underscore that emphasis with these three verbs (per the sermon)?

5. What are the obstacles to your developing this habit? When was the last time you felt spontaneously prompted to pray for something? What keeps you from doing this more often?

6. What does each letter of the acronym CHAT stand for? Which of these 4 aspects of prayer is your strongest? Which is your weakest? Explain. How could you make your weakest stronger?

7. How do the words ask and seek in Luke 11 differ a bit? What is the difference between seeking God's hand and seeking God's face? How do we do the latter? Why is this aspect of prayer so important?

8. Go to the Attributes of God on Christ Community's mobile app. Choose 3 names, titles, or attributes and praise them back to God.

9. Read Luke 11:11-13a. How do these verses teach us to trust God as we pray? Describe a time (if you can) when God didn't give you what you asked for, but it turned out to be for your best. Describe a current situation in which you're having to trust God because he hasn't given you what you've asked for. How would you counsel someone else who is experiencing this (and perhaps angry with God)?

10. Read Luke 11:13. What's the best Gift that God offers Christ followers who will pray for such? Why is this Gift so wonderful (multiple answers)?

11. How will this study make a difference in your prayer life?