

Unit 23 Session 3 Jesus Taught About Prayer

Luke 11; 18

Story point: Jesus taught people how to pray

Remarks about lesson:

One thing I love about how Jesus taught His use of analogies. An analogy is like a comparison- a brief example used to help you understand something. Each time Jesus gave an example of a human who gives something good to another human, He reminded people that God is much greater than a human. If humans- who were broken by sin and often choose wrong, evil actions- will respond to requests when we are reminded again and again, we can be absolutely certain that God will answer our prayer. He always does what is good and right, and He never forgets anything. Sometimes we pray and it may feel that God didn't listen or hasn't answered, but God always answers prayers. He may not do exactly what we want Him to do, but His plans are perfect. That means when God does something different from what you asked, His choice is better. Everything He does is for His glory and our good. God loves to give us wonderful gifts. He sent Jesus to die for our sins, which is the most wonderful gift ever. We can pray in faith, knowing that God will give us what is best whether it's the thing we prayed for or not. God loves to hear from His children.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Jesus say the friend would help his neighbor even late at night? Luke 11:8
2. What did Jesus say a father would not give his son? Luke 11:11-12
3. Why did the unjust judge do the right thing for the widow? Luke 18:4-5
4. How do these parables encourage us to pray?
5. Can you think of a time you prayed for something specific? What happened?
6. What are some things you are praying for now?

Personal reflection questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Whom can I tell about this story?

