

This Study Guide is based on a sermon by Dr. Joshua Mack. You will find the link to the sermon here.

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Luke 11:1-4

Swahili

1 Ikawa alipokuwa mahali fulani akiomba, alipokwisha, mmoja katika wanafunzi wake alimwambia, Bwana, tufundishe sisi kusali, kama vile Yohana alivyowafundisha wanafunzi wake. 2 Akawaambia, Msalipo, semeni, Baba [yetu uliye mbinguni], Jina lako litakaswe, Ufalme wako uje, [Mapenzi yako yatimizwe, hapa duniani kama huko mbinguni.] 3 Utupe siku kwa siku riziki yetu. 4 Utusamehe dhambi zetu, kwa kuwa sisi nasi tunamsamehe kila tumwiaye. Na usitutie majaribuni [lakini tuokoe na yule mwovu].

Pedi

1 Jesu o be a le felwanatsoko a rapela, gomme a re go fetša, yo mongwe wa barutiwa ba gagwe a re go yena: “Morena, nke o re rute go rapela, go swana le Johanese ge a rutile ba gagwe barutiwa.” 2 Jesu a re: “Ge le rapela le re: “ ‘Tatewešo, leina la gago a le kgethwe; mmušo wa gago a o tle. 3 Tšatši le lengwe le le lengwe o re fe bogobe bjo re bo hlokago. 4 O re le balele dibe tša rena, ka gore le rena re le balele ba ba re fošetšago. O se re iše melekong.’ ”

Shona

1 Mumwe musu Jesu akanga achinyengetera ari pane imwe nzvimbo. Akati apedza, mumwe wavadzidzi vake akati kwaari, “Ishe, tidzidzisei kunyengetera, saJohani akadzidzisa vadzidzi vake.” 2 Iye akati kwavari, “Kana muchinyengetera, muti: “ ‘Baba vedu vari kudenga, zita renyu ngarikudzwe noutsvene. Umambo hwenyu ngahuuye. Kuda kwenyu ngakuitwe panyika sezvinoitwa kudenga. 3 Tipei zuva nezuva chingwa chedu chamazuva namazuva. 4 Uye mutiregerere zvivi zvedu; nokuti nesuwo tinoregerera vose vanotitadzira. Tibatsirei kuti tisapinda mukuedzwa; uye mutinunure pane zvakaipa.’ ”

Afrikaans

1 Jesus was êrens op 'n plek besig om te bid. Toe Hy klaar was, sê een van sy dissipels vir Hom: “Here, leer ons bid, soos Johannes ook sy volgelinge geleer het.” 2 En Hy sê vir hulle: “Wanneer julle bid, sê dan: “Vader, laat u Naam geheilig word; laat u koninkryk kom. 3 Gee ons elke dag ons daaglikse brood; 4 en vergeef ons ons sondes, want ons vergewe ook elkeen wat teen ons oortree; en laat ons nie in versoeking kom nie.”

Sermon Summary:

Over the next several weeks, we are going to be looking at what Jesus teaches about prayer. This Sunday was an introduction to the series in which emphasized how important it is we pray and further, how important is we pray correctly.

Basic Discussion Questions:

1. What was one thing you took away from Sunday's sermon?
2. Now, let's read Luke 11:1-4 and then, Matthew 6:5-14.
3. This past Sunday we opened our discussion of prayer by noting how important it is that we pray. What were some of the different reasons we brought up that show the importance of prayer? Can you think of any other reasons?
4. One reason we know it is important to pray is because Jesus prayed. How would you respond to someone who asked you how Jesus could pray to God if He already was God?
5. The purpose of this story of course is not to answer that question but to show us that Jesus prayed and that we should pray as well. How would you describe your prayer life? What is it that you think you are doing well and what do you think needs improvement?
6. Not only did we see the importance of prayer, we also saw the importance of praying rightly. Even though Jesus doesn't do this in Luke 11, in Matthew 6, he warns his disciples not to pray a certain way. What are the two examples of bad praying that he brings up?
7. What does it mean to pray hypocritically? How do you think we might be tempted to pray hypocritically today? Give some examples. Why is this way of praying so foolish?
8. What does it mean to pray like a pagan? How do you think people are tempted to pray like this today? Give some examples? What is a person who is praying like this missing about God and the gospel?
9. The gospel is the key to prayer. We need to pray because we believe the gospel and we need to pray like we believe the gospel. Now think about that statement. Give some examples of how the gospel should impact our prayer life.
10. Are there any ways you think you should be different as a result of what we've discussed? How about our church? Is there something from this passage that you would like to share with others?

Personal Study Questions

Try to answer these questions before coming to Gospel Community Group.

1. What is the theme of Luke 11:1-13? Why do you say that?
2. How would you define prayer?
3. Look at the following definition of prayer. Do they say anything that you missed? If so, what?

“Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins ,and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.”
4. Describe Jesus’ prayer life in a couple of sentences. What does the fact that Jesus prayed so often tell us about how we should pray? What do you think keeps us from being as reliant on prayer as Jesus?
5. Why do you think Jesus’ disciples asked him to teach them to pray? What does that tell us about prayer?
6. In Matthew 6, one of the things Jesus does first is teach his disciples how not to pray. There is a kind of praying that really doesn’t do any good. Jesus’ half-brother James also brings up some examples of prayers that don’t work. Let’s look at the examples he gives. Turn to James 1:5-8. Read these verses.
7. What does James say to do if you lack wisdom? What is that? What encouragements does he give to doing that? What warning does he give in verse 6? How does he describe the one who lacks faith at the end of verse 6? What should that person not expect in verse 7? Why should he not expect that in verse 8?
8. Now, the key to this passage is this: the doubting man is a double-minded man. To lack faith is to doubt is to be double-minded. What does it mean to have two minds about something? So, when we pray, with two minds, we shouldn’t expect God to answer. What is a double-minded prayer, do you think? How could you pray that way?
9. Let’s also look at James 4:1-3. What issue is James addressing in verses 1 and 2? What is the reason they don’t have what they want, according to the end of verse 2? Why are they not receiving answers to their prayers according to verse 3? So, what kind of praying is James rebuking in these verses?
10. We want to be a praying church, but not just a praying church! We want to pray in a way that lines up with what we believe. Read the

following explanation of how to pray in a way that honors God and then summarize what stands out to you about biblical prayer.

“First, we must from the heart call upon the one true God only, who has revealed himself in his Word, for all that he has commanded us to pray. Second, we must thoroughly know our need and misery, so that we may humble ourselves before God. Third, we must rest on this firm foundation that, although we do not deserve it, God will certainly hear our prayer for the sake of Christ our Lord, as he has promised us in his Word.”