

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class
FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

Luke 11:1-13

Remember, the “answers” provided below are not intended to be complete. They are to give you a bit of guidance on key elements to highlight in the discussion time and to help clarify the intent of some questions in case it wasn't initially clear. Not every question has an “answer” provided. Consider the comments more as insight and guidance rather than right vs wrong answers.

Remember to ask follow up questions, such as “Explain that further,” or “Who else has an answer?” to prompt additional input from the class or “Where do you see that in the text?” to remind everyone to be getting their answers from the Scriptures.

❖ Opening Prayer (3 min)

❖ Discussion (52 min)

Read Luke 11:1-13 aloud.

1. What does the disciple want Jesus to do for them?

Likely having seen Jesus pray, he wants Jesus to teach them how to pray, like John did for his disciples.

2. To whom is this prayer addressed?

God the Father (v. 2)

3. What does the word “hallowed” mean? What does this tell us about how the Father’s name should be treated?

“to make holy, treat as holy, set apart”

The Father’s name should be regarded as holy. He should be approached with honor and reverence. His name is to be treated with seriousness.

4. What are we expressing when we pray for the Father’s kingdom to come?

- **God continually bringing about his reign in people’s hearts here on Earth until he comes again**
- **Expressing our desire for Jesus’ second coming and the full consummation of his kingdom**

5. What is our daily bread? What is the significance of this being our “daily” bread?

Our physical needs for that day.

We pray for his sustenance for that day, expressing dependence on him to provide for tomorrow.

6. Do you have trouble believing that the Father will provide your daily bread? What does it look like when you fail to trust in his provision in this way?

Answers will vary.

When we fail to trust in God’s provision of daily bread, it can produce anxiety and fear.

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7. What is the reasoning given for asking God to forgive our sins, according to verse 4?

We have forgiven everyone who is “indebted” to us.

Those who have wronged us in some way.

8. Can you say that you have forgiven everyone who has sinned against you? Who might God be calling you to forgive right now?

Answers will vary.

9. What pronouns is used in verses 3 and 4? What does this tell us about the nature of this prayer?

“We” and “us”

This is a corporate prayer. The petitions being made are for the community of believers, not primarily individuals.

10. What are we asking when we ask to be led not into temptation?

Asking that we be spared from circumstances that would tempt us to sin.

We should pray to be delivered from sufferings and trials that would cause us to be tempted to sin.

11. Across the whole of the Lord’s Prayer, what themes do you see?

Dependence on God for everything.

A desire for his will to be done.

A desire to serve God above all else.

12. Is this prayer Jesus prescriptive for exactly how we should pray? If not, how should we use it?

No, it’s not.

It’s good for us to pray that exact prayer, but it reflects the heart attitudes we should have in prayer. It reflects the kind of prayer that honors God.

We don’t need to wonder what kind of prayer honors God.

13. At what hour does this friend come?

Midnight.

14. What does the friend ask for?

Three loaves of bread.

15. How does the man inside the house react? How would you characterize his reaction?

He refuses to get up at first because of the inconvenient hour. He doesn’t want to wake the children and such.

He’s annoyed, perturbed that his friend would bother him at such a late hour.

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16. What does Jesus say is the reason that the man will give his friend the three loaves?

Because of the friend's "Persistence."

17. How do verses 9-10 relate to the previous story of the persistent friend?

The human friend was unwilling to open the door and give bread to his friend, but eventually succumbed because of the persistence.

Verses 9-10 give us the contrast of God's response to our prayers and requests. He is not like the man inside the house.

18. How many people who ask, receive?

"Everyone." (v. 10)

19. Look at the verbs of these two verses (underlined in the above diagram). What is the emphasis here?

"Will be given" + "will find" + "will be opened"

Everyone who seeks finds, everyone who knocks will have the gates opened.

There is great certainty here. God will answer our prayers if we will ask. He will not be like the man who hesitates because of the late hour.

20. What is God's response to our prayers, according to verses 9-10?

He will respond, giving us what we ask for.

He delights in giving us good gifts.

21. How do verses 11-13 function in connection to what Jesus has just stated?

A further exposition of just how committed our Heavenly Father is to giving us good gifts when we ask.

Further clarification of what it is God will give us if we ask. It is not limitless, but in accordance with His will.

22. What two things does the human son ask the father for? What does the father give in return?

Son asks for: fish

Son asks for: egg

Father gives: snake

Father gives: scorpion

23. What is Jesus' purpose in including this hypothetical human situation?

Human fathers would not give such bad gifts to their children. They delight in giving good gifts.

How much more does the Father give good gifts.

24. Who is the good gift that God will give those who ask Him?

The Holy Spirit.

25. How does verse 13 clarify the meaning of verses 9-10?

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When we ask for the Holy Spirit, He will be given to us.

When we seek the will of God and to be filled with the Spirit, God delights in giving Him to us.

When we knock on the door asking for the guidance of the Spirit in a situation, God will answer that prayer.

26. How can this passage be used to refute prosperity gospel teachings?

Prosperity gospel teachings: God wants to give you your heart's desire, if you'll just ask for it. The reason we don't have the things we want in life are just because we don't have enough faith. Ask Him, and you'll receive!

This passage: No! God wants to give us what we really need: the anointing and filling with the Holy Spirit to guide us in all truth. The Comforter. When we ask Him for the Spirit's guidance, we will receive!

27. Summarize the argumentation of verses 5-13 in your own words.

Humans give gifts to other humans, but how much more does our Father give us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

There is absolute certainty in this. If we pray in accordance with His will, expressing dependence, and asking for His Spirit to fill us, we can have confidence that He will give us His Spirit.

28. How is the Father's love and kindness demonstrated in this passage?

Human fathers, in their love for their children, do not give their children everything they want. They know what's best for their children and what they truly need. But he delights in giving these good gifts to His children.

So our Father, in his love for us, will not give His children every Earthly thing they may want because He knows what we truly need. In His wisdom, He gives some things but not others. But in His kindness, He gives us the greatest gift, the Holy Spirit to guide us.

❖ **Closing Prayer (5 min)**