

Prayer

Community Group Leaders Guide

Luke 11:5-13 /// Week of April 21

Today's big idea: Prayer should be audacious.

Later we will talk about the good gifts that God has for us, thus the ice breaker question.

- What was the weirdest gift you ever received from a family member?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

The last question in this section speaks to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Come prepared to share why Holy Spirit is such a good gift.

- Use Bible Storytelling to tell the story of Jesus at the home of Simon the Pharisee.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 11:5-13 in the Bible.
- What is the point of Jesus's parable?
- How should we understand verses 9-10 in light of verse 13?
- What is the good gift the Father has for us and what makes it so good?

Heart

Model and encourage transparency and vulnerability in this section of questions. Be intentional to thank people for sharing hard truth.

- When was a time in your life that you prayed more desperately than ever before and how did that impact you?
- On a scale from 1 to 10 how much faith do you have in prayer and why?
- How has your faith changed regarding prayer and seeking him desperately?

Hands

Be sure to take note of what each group member shares and then follow up with them throughout the week to see how they are doing. Or, set up partners in your group to pray for each other and call each other at some point during the week.

- What would praying with shameless audacity (NIV) look like in your life?
- Sometimes we can be asked to pray for others but we don't always get around to it. How can we be intentional to intercede for others?
- How can we help others to grow in regard to when and how they pray?

Next Week:

Prayer, Luke 18:9-14