

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

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

Zulu

Kwathi ekhuleka endaweni ethile, esegcinile, omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: “Nkosi, sifundise ukukhuleka, njengokuba uJohane naye wabafundisa abafundi bakhe.” Wayesethi kubo: “Nxá nikhuleka, anothi: “ ‘Baba wethu osezulwini, malingcweliswe igama lakho; mawufike umbuso wakho; mayenziwe intando yakho emhlabeni njengasezulwini; usiphe isinkwa sethu sezinsuku zonke imihla ngemihla; usithethelele izono zethu, ngokuba nathi sibathethelela bonke abanecala kithi; ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule kokubi.’ ”

Shona

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

Afrikaans

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.” En Hy sê vir hulle: “Wanneer julle bid, sê dan: “Vader, laat u Naam geheilig word; laat u koninkryk kom. Gee ons elke dag ons daaglikse brood; en vergeef ons ons sondes, want ons vergewe ook elkeen wat teen ons oortree; en laat ons nie in versoeking kom nie.”

Sermon Summary:

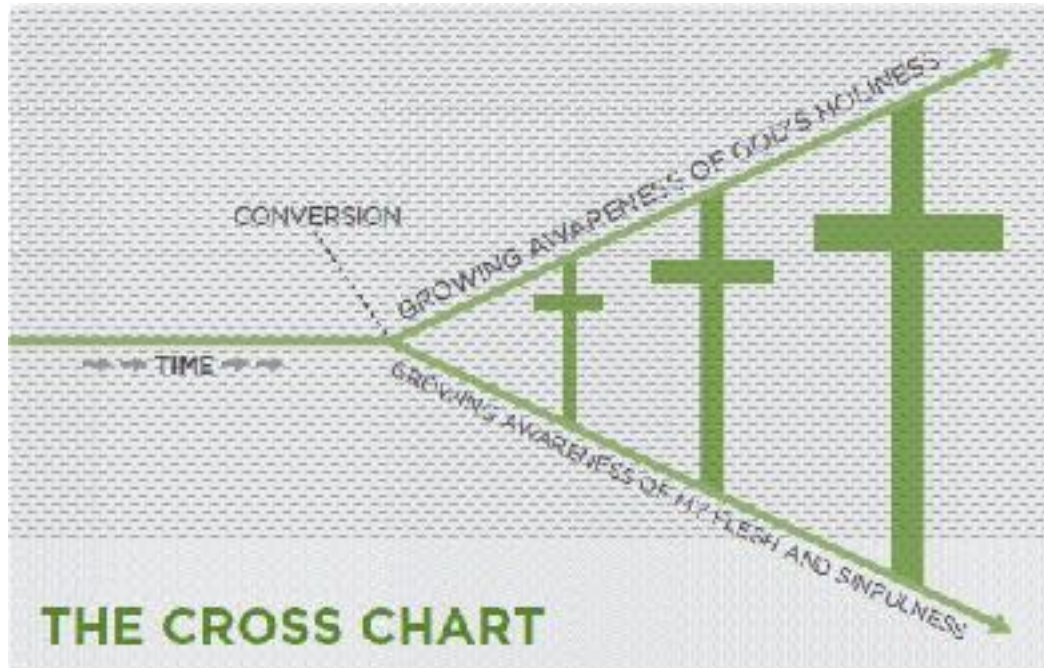
Over the next several weeks, we are going to be looking at what Jesus teaches about prayer. We talked this Sunday about the what it means to say and really mean, “And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Basic Discussion Questions:

1. We are going to be talking about confessing our sins and asking God for forgiveness in prayer. Is this something you do on a regular basis? Why or why not?
2. Let's read Luke 11:1-4. (Does anyone have these verses memorized yet?)
3. When sin is exposed in people's lives, how do they normally respond?
4. Perhaps you can even think back to the last time someone confronted you for a sin, how were you tempted to respond?
5. Why do you think people respond that way?
6. What are some reasons it is foolish and unhelpful to respond the way so many people do to their sin?
7. How should Christians respond when they see sin in their lives? What truths does the gospel reveal that should change the way you respond when sin is exposed in your life?
8. This verse is telling us one of the things we should do is confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness. If we are already justified and forgiven of all our sins when we are first saved, why do you think we should ask God for forgiveness on a regular basis?
9. One big problem many people face is self-deception. How should regular confession of sin help with the problem of self-deception?
10. Another problem people have is losing sight of how much they need the cross. How should confessing sin on a regular basis help us grow in our appreciation of Christ's work?
11. What practical suggestions might you give to a new believer who says they need help confessing sin? When they go to God in prayer, what are some of the things they should do?
12. The second half of this verse says that God should forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us? What's the point of this statement?
13. Is there anyone you are struggling to forgive? How does regular confession of sin help you become a more forgiving person?
14. How has our discussion encouraged or challenged you today?

Application Guide

I have found the following picture helpful in my understanding of spiritual growth.



1. On the top line we see a growing awareness of God's holiness and on the bottom line we see a growing awareness of my flesh and sinfulness. What is this saying about what should be happening as you mature in the Christian life?
2. What else grows in your sight as you grow in your understanding of God's holiness and your sinfulness?
3. What do you think are some proofs that a person is growing in these three areas?
4. Looking back on your Christian life, are you growing in these three areas?
5. What does our whole discussion of the Lord's prayer and confession have to do with all of this?