



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of September 25, 2022

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text: Luke 11:5-13**

***5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7 and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"***

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Jesus used a ridiculous illustration of a disrespectful and offensive man to teach us how we should approach God in prayer. Why do you think Jesus would use such an outlandish illustration? What lesson did He want us to learn?
2. Why should a Christian be persistent in his or her prayers? Why do you think we sometimes give up in our prayers?
3. Will persistent prayer get you the Tesla, or the bigger home, or the perfect husband or wife that you always dreamed of? What should the content of our prayers be?
4. Explain why you can be 100% sure that God is not going to give you a snake when you ask for fish or a scorpion when you ask for an egg.
5. How would you comfort a Christian whose life is filled with trials and suffering in spite of their persistent prayers to God? What would you tell them?