

THE KING WE NEED

Discussion Guide: Prayer Parables

Passage: Luke 11:5-13

Summary: As Jesus tells a series of stories that have something to do with prayer, we'll learn how to pray like Jesus and become people who pray with shameless boldness. Jesus tells us that we have a Father who loves to hear from His children. He is not burdened by us. And He invites us to come before Him with confidence!

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus tells the parable of the neighbor knocking on his neighbor's door with shameless boldness to ask for bread. In this parable, Jesus invites us to approach God with our needs without shame. What keeps you from bringing your needs to God in prayer? (It may be you think he doesn't want to hear them, or it may be you don't see your neediness, or it may be you feel shame about your neediness, or something else?)
2. Just like a good father, God gives us whatever we need every time we ask. Ask, and it will be given to you, Jesus says. What a bold promise! Do you believe that? Does your prayer life reflect this belief? What barriers do you have to praying like this?
3. Does this mean we can ask for anything and be guaranteed we'll receive it? What is the difference between our "wants" and our "needs"? God knows our needs and is committed to providing for His kids.
4. Jesus tells us that the Father will give us what we need most...which is the Holy Spirit. He knows that what we need most is communion with God and provides that through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is always with you, helping you. How does this truth help you think about your neediness?

Take time to pray about your needs before the Father together.