



## Scripture: Luke 11:5-13

### GETTING STARTED

- Talk about a time when you felt like you were burdening someone else by asking for help.
- What do you remember from the message?

### DIVE IN

- Read Lk 11:5-13 to help inform the following questions.
  - v8 says that the friend asks with “shameless boldness” (CSB), “impudence” (ESV), or “shameless audacity” (NIV). Why do you think Jesus puts prayer and “shameless boldness” together?
  - The verbs Jesus uses in v9-10 (ask, seek, and knock) point to prayer as ongoing process. What does this tell us about the purpose of prayer?
  - Compare Lk 11:13 to Mt 7:11. What does this mean about the relationship between the Holy Spirit and God’s good gifts?

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Some of us see our prayers as bothering God with our requests. How could this view of prayer harm our relationship with Him?
- How would your prayers change if the purpose was a reliance upon God instead of receiving something?
- How have you seen God guide you through prayer over the last year?
- What ongoing prayer has God not answered yet? How are these prayers growing your reliance upon God?

### PRAYER FOCUS:

Pray together over the things discussed in the last question. Pray for God to bring you into deeper relationship with Him. Ask God to reveal His plan to you through Scripture this week. Pray that your eyes would be open to seek His will in the world. Finally, pray that when the opportunity comes up to be obedient to what He was told you, that you would act according to what He said.