

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Luke 11:1-13

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ DAY 1

Read Luke 11:1-13

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place,
after He had finished,
one of His disciples said to Him,
“Lord, teach us to pray
just as John also taught his disciples.”

2 And He said to them,

“When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our ^[d]daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

5 Then He said to them,

“Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him,

‘Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey,

and I have nothing to set before him’;

7 and from inside he answers and says,

‘Do not bother me;

the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed;

I cannot get up and give you *anything*.’

8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything*

because he is his friend,

yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 “So I say to 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 he who seeks, finds;

and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

11 Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish;

he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?

12 Or *if* he is asked for an egg,

he will not give him a scorpion, will he?

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13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?

1. What does the disciple want Jesus to do for them?
2. To whom is this prayer addressed?
3. What does the word “hallowed” mean? What does this tell us about how the Father’s name should be treated?
4. What are we expressing when we pray for the Father’s kingdom to come?
5. What is our daily bread? What is the significance of this being our “daily” bread?

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6. Do you have trouble believing that the Father will provide your daily bread? What does it look like when you fail to trust in his provision in this way?
7. What is the reasoning given for asking God to forgive our sins, according to verse 4?
8. Can you say that you have forgiven everyone who has sinned against you? Who might God be calling you to forgive right now?
9. What pronouns is used in verses 3 and 4? What does this tell us about the nature of this prayer?

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10. What are we asking when we ask to be led not into temptation?

11. Across the whole of the Lord's Prayer, what themes do you see?

12. Is this prayer prescriptive for exactly how we should pray? If not, how should we use it?

❖ **DAY 2**

Read Luke 11:1-13 again.

13. At what hour does this friend come?

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14. What does the friend ask for?

15. How does the man inside the house react? How would you characterize his reaction?

16. What does Jesus say is the reason that the man will give his friend the three loaves?

17. How do verses 9-10 relate to the previous story of the persistent friend?

18. How many people who ask, receive?

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19. Look at the verbs of these two verses (underlined in the above diagram). What is the emphasis here?

20. What is God's response to our prayers, according to verses 9-10?

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Luke 11:1-13 again.

21. How do verses 11-13 function in connection to what Jesus has just stated?

22. What two things does the son ask the father for? What does the father give in return?

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23. What is Jesus' purpose in including this hypothetical human situation?

24. Who is the good gift that God will give those who ask Him?

25. How does verse 13 clarify the meaning of verses 9-10?

26. How can this passage be used to refute prosperity gospel teachings?

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27. Summarize the argumentation of verses 5-13 in your own words.

28. How is the Father's love and kindness demonstrated in this passage?

This week, thank God for the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit, who leads us in all truth and wisdom. Thank Him for being such a kind and loving Father who gives this good gift to His children, knowing exactly just what we need. Pray that He would fill you with the Holy Spirit to guide you through the circumstances of this upcoming week.