Sermon Date: Feb. 20, 2022

## **Seeking God through Prayer**

Luke 11:1-13

Over the past few weeks we have been challenged to decide three things: **that** we will seek God; **how** we will seek God; and, **why** we will seek God. Hopefully, a stirring to seek Him has been rising in our hearts as we've gone through this sermon series. We've looked at how the scriptures and fasting can be part of how we seek God. Today, we will consider how to seek God through prayer as we look at Jesus' instructions to his disciples when they asked the Master to teach them to pray.

ter to teach them to pray. **Opening Discussion:** What one word would you use to describe your current prayer life? Read Luke 11:1-13 1. Why do you think the disciples asked Jesus the question they did in verse 1? 2. In teaching the disciples to pray, what does Jesus teach (vv. 2-4)? 3. Do you think this prayer is to be prayed word-for-word as is, or is it more of a guide? Explain. 4. Sam mentioned in his sermon that in praying, "hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come," we are aligning ourselves with God's interests first before we pray anything else. Why do you think this is important as we come to our Father in prayer? 5. Jesus follows up his instructions on how to pray with two parables. What is the point of the first parable (v. 5-8)?

6.	After the first parable, Jesus gives three imperatives – "ask," "seek," and, "knock," (v. 9). All of these are present tense verbs. What is the implication of this? How does this connect to the parable he just told?	
7.	What's the point of the second of the second parable (vv. 11-13)? What does it reveal about God?	
8.	Where do you feel a need for persistent prayer?	
9.	What is your main point of application from this study?	
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**Prayer:** This week return to the prayer that Jesus offers to us as a guide (11:2-4). Pray slowly and thoughtfully through the topics that Jesus suggests. Let it guide and inform your prayers. As well this week, get clear about something that you believe to be God's will for which you are determined to be persistent. And then take Jesus up on the offer to ask, seek, knock regarding that issue.