

## TEACH US TO PRAY

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I. He told them **what** to pray.

I Sam 1:9-28; Jonah 3;  
Ps 106:23; I Ki 18:42-45;  
Js 5:16b-18; Lk 11:1-4

- A. We pray for God's **glory**.
- B. We pray for God's **kingdom**.
- C. Pray for God's **provisions**.
- D. Pray for God's **forgiveness**.
- E. Pray for God's **protection**.

II. He told them **how** to pray.

Lk 11:5-9

### Resources:

*Lord, Teach Us to Pray* – Fred Hartley

*Seeking God's Will* – Dudley J. Delffs

*Working the Angles* – Peterson

*Walking With Christ* – Michele Novatni & Thomas A. Whiteman

*Prayer* – Philip Yancey

*The Beautiful Fight* – Gary Thomas

*Prayer* – Richard Foster

*Long Wandering Prayer* – David Hansen

Books by E.M. Bounds

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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### DISCUSSION:

1. Read Luke 11:1-13. Note what Jesus was doing immediately before one of His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. Share a time when you became interested in an activity or behavior because you saw someone model it. What are the implications for your Christian walk?
2. Luke 11:2b says "hallowed (or holy) be Your name." What goes through your mind as you say and consider these words? What does thinking about them do in your heart?
3. What do we mean when we ask, "Give us each day our daily bread"?
4. Read Luke 11:4a and Matthew 6:12-15. Why do you think Jesus selected forgiveness as a topic to emphasize?
5. Read Luke 11:4b. We know that God tempts no one (James 1:13). Pastor and author John Piper explains the Luke passage as praying that "the temptation does not take us *in*. Don't lead me *into* temptation. Deliver me from this evil that is set before me...Hold me back from stepping *inside* the temptation." Does this explanation help you understand this? Share any other thoughts you have on this verse.
6. Luke 11:5-13 is arguably summarized by verse 13. In 13b, Jesus says the Father will positively answer a particular prayer, for what? How does this help us identify what we should pray for? See Matthew 7:11, Matthew 26:39, John 14:13-14, and Colossians 1:9.

### ACTIVITY:

1. Refer to question 4 above. Is there someone you need to forgive?
2. Share a prayer of yours that the Lord answered. What is a prayer that He didn't answer, at least not how you wanted? Why do you think this happened? Is there anything you should do differently in prayer?
3. What do you need to ask of your Father in Heaven? Share a prayer request with your group. **What action** will you take to seek out an answer?