

Life Group Notes
Sunday 10 January 2021

Speaker: Tex Chettiar
Passage: Luke 11:1-13
Series: Luke: Tell the Story
Title: The Lord's Prayer

This week we had Tex continue our sermon series in Luke. He looks at Luke 11:1-13, where Jesus teaches the disciples to pray. It's important to see that this passage is in the context of Jesus sending out his disciples, and the first thing they learn to do is pray, not how to preach or cast out demons. Jesus wants us to be people who pray before we do anything else.

1. Pray (v1-4)

In this portion of the passage we Jesus address four things: **1. Father:** We can pray to God as a loving Father. This is an intimate conversation between father and child. Jesus shows us that God is a unique and great figure, yet he is not unapproachable; **2. Kingdom:** Jesus then tells us we need to be praying for his kingdom to come. We can pray for wisdom, hope and peace; **3. Needs (Physical & Spiritual):** Jesus shows the disciples that they can come to the father for all their basic needs - God cares for them and provides for them daily! We also know that when we pray for our daily needs we realise that we depend on God for everything, but when we pray for God's daily provision it adjusts our heart posture to one of humility and gratitude. This in turn reminds us that we are unable to follow Jesus without the help of the Holy Spirit. We cannot overcome temptation by sheer will. We need God . Without God, we lead ourselves straight into sin; **4. Community:** This first bit of the passage is littered with words such as US, OURs and WE. Prayer is supposed to be done with others more than individually

Jesus shows us the pattern in which we should pray: **God's kingdom to come, then our human needs.**

2. Persist (v5-10)

After Jesus shows the disciples in which pattern they should pray, he then uses the first of two parables to drive home his point. In early Middle Eastern culture to wake up the host was a very bold thing to do, because they normally all slept in one room, so to wake up the host is to wake up the whole family. This passage shows us that the thing that gets the host up, is the sheer persistence shown by the friend. This is the way in which we need to pray - **persistently.**

3. Provision (v6-13)

Jesus now goes into his second parable to close off his teaching on prayer. Jesus is building on the main point from the first line of the prayer - because God the father is Holy, unlike us, it

means that he is a perfect, more than capable father, who provides all that his children need. By showing us that God is an even better father than we could imagine, and that he is not like us Jesus gives us confidence that we are able to see God's Provision when we pray!

Questions for discussion and application:

1. How would you currently describe your prayer life/attitude towards prayer?
2. What adjustments can we make to our week so that we are praying in community more?
3. Can you share a testimony of seeing God's provision in your life?