



A Simple Prayer and the Spirit's Presence

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1. **Start by reviewing the Luke 11 Prayer Guide.** It was part of the sermon and can be found on the Harpeth Hub (get people to download it if they have not seen it).
[Download it here.](#)
2. **Learning to Pray** - In verse 1, the disciples ask Jesus, “*Lord, teach us to pray.*” Why do you think they asked this question, and what does it reveal about their relationship with Jesus?
3. **Persistence in Prayer** - Verses 5–8 tell the story of a friend knocking at midnight. What does this parable teach us about persistence in prayer, and how do you think persistence affects our faith?
4. **Asking, Seeking, Knocking** - In verses 9–10, Jesus says, “*Ask... seek... knock.*” What do these three actions reveal about the posture and heart of prayer? How do they challenge your own prayer life?
5. **God’s Character vs. Human Fathers** - Verses 11–12 compare earthly fathers to our heavenly Father. What does this comparison teach us about God’s generosity and care?
6. **The Greatest Gift – The Holy Spirit (v.13)** - Why do you think Jesus emphasizes the presence of the Holy Spirit? How does this reshape our expectations of the presence of the Spirit in your life and what you should pray for?
7. **Living with the Spirit’s Help** - Practically speaking, what does it look like to receive and rely on the Holy Spirit presence in your daily life? How can our group encourage one another to ask God for more of His Spirit’s presence and power?

Reminders:

- Women’s Wednesday is kicking off next week, and there are two great new studies to choose from. Click the link here to learn more and register!
<https://harpethcc.com/events/womens-wednesdays-fall-study--221/2025-09-10>
- Also starting next Wednesday is the Men’s Fall Study on 1 Peter. Click below for more details! <https://harpethcc.com/events/mens-fall-study/2025-09-10>
- Serve Day Weekend is going to be here soon! Sign up to serve on either September 27th or 28th. Childcare will only be provided on Sunday, Sept. 28th from 9am – 12pm (Birth-3 years). Click the link to learn more! <https://harpethcc.com/events/serve-day-weekend/2025-09-27>