

Growing Together – Cultivating a Life with Jesus

Growing Through Prayer

Luke 11:1-13 | Pastor Chris Lenhart | 8/2/26



Series Goal: That as a congregation we would grow together, cultivating our lives with Jesus, through the same practices that have carried and sustained the church, from its conception.

This Week's Anchor Question:

How does prayer help us grow into the people Jesus is forming us to become?

Prayer **grows** and **anchors** our identity **with God our Father** (1-2)

Prayer **develops** our **daily dependence on God and one another** (3-4)

Prayer **trains** us **to turn toward God** (5-10)

Prayer **forms** us through **our Father's goodness** (11-13)

What other thoughts or Scriptures come to mind as we study this text together?

Holding Tension: *This space is left empty for unresolved questions, convictions, or prompts for further study/reading...*

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Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide

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Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!

Start with Prayer: Ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.

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Read the text (or portions) from 2 different versions – **Luke 11:1-13**

Pauses for Reflection and Discussion –

1. “There is a difference between knowing the words of prayer and cultivating a life of prayer.”
 - *How would you describe the difference between occasionally saying prayers and developing a life that is continually aware of and attentive to God?*
2. “Prayer is the life of a child learning to live with and depend on their Heavenly Father.”
 - *What has shaped your understanding of God as Father, and how might Jesus’ description of the Father challenge, heal, or deepen that understanding?*
3. “We cannot pray for God’s kingdom to come while insisting upon the preservation of our own.”
 - *Where might God be inviting you to release control, surrender a personal agenda, or bring part of your life more fully under his gracious rule?*
4. “Persistent prayer is the repeated practice of turning toward God.”
 - *What unresolved burden, unanswered prayer or difficult situation do you need to keep bringing before God rather than turning toward control, despair, or your own preferred timeline?*
5. “The greatest gift of prayer is that God gives us Himself.”
 - *How might your prayer life change if your deepest goal became not simply receiving an answer from God, but growing in awareness of His presence and openness to the work of the Holy Spirit?*
6. “Hospitality starts when someone enters our prayers.”
 - *Whose burden will you intentionally carry in prayer this week, and how might God be inviting you to become part of His provision for that person?*

Practical Living – This Week’s Application (choose one or more)

- Write or journal a prayer to pray daily:
- What posture is this text inviting me to practice? (i.e. waiting, listening, courage, generosity, humility, surrender):
- Write or journal a person or place to intentionally engage:

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Prayer Requests

Family

Church

Community

Career & Friends

Other