

Hope – Week 2

READ ALOUD

Luke 11:1-13

1 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

2 He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.

3 Give us each day our daily bread.

4 Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

5 Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say,

‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; **6** a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I

have no food to offer him.’ **7** And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ **8** I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

9 “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

11 “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? **13** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

OBSERVATION

1. What does the Lord’s prayer urge us to ask from God?
2. How does this passage encourage us to help others in need?
3. Why can we use this passage as encouragement when we go to God in prayer?
4. Are there any other observations you see from this passage?

APPLICATION

1. In times of stress, do you crack under pressure, or are you able to keep yourself composed?
2. In light of all the things that have happened this past week, where have you found encouragement or a sense of peace?
3. How can we encourage those around us who are fearful during this time?

GROWING DEEPER

Read *Proverbs 3:5-6*

1. What does it mean to “trust in the Lord with all your heart”?
2. How can we “seek His will in all that we do”?

****Leader Note:** *As the Life Group leader, you will lead your group through this time of prayer. You will want to do your best to remove any distractions in the room, and in fact, may find it helpful to play soft worship music in the background. After you've read through the prompts below, and have given people time to talk with God, close the prayer time by praying a blessing over your group.***

Last week, we leaned into the practice of Palms Up Palms Down from Richard Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline*. This week, let's pray through Psalm 71:15-18.

As a group, we will read the Psalm aloud.

- 15** My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,
of your saving acts all day long—
though I know not how to relate them all.
- 16** I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign Lord;
I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone.
- 17** Since my youth, God, you have taught me,
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.
- 18** Even when I am old and gray,
do not forsake me, my God,
till I declare your power to the next generation,
your mighty acts to all who are to come.