

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, July 24, 2016

Passage: Luke 11:1-13

Memory Passage: Luke 11:9-10

### DAY 1 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT & FOR THE PREACHER (Pat Alford) READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 11:1-13.** In verse 1 we see that the disciples of Jesus have taken notice of the disciples of John. Does it make you feel uncomfortable when you see followers of Christ also having a desire to follow the example of others?
- (b) Is it biblical to follow the examples of men? Read Philippians 3:17 & 1 Tim 4:12 before you write your answer.
- (c) How did Jesus react when His disciples requested to learn to be like John's disciples?
- (d) What areas of your life would you be willing to put forth as a public example for others at the Bible Church to follow? What areas would you NOT be willing for others to follow?

### DAY 2 – PRAY “LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY!” READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 11:1-13.** When the disciples ask “Teach us to pray” are they actually asking “Teach us how to pray?” (In other words, are they asking for a formula of prayer or are they asking to be taught the importance and necessity of prayer?)
- (b) Consider the lack of fervent prayer in our nation, church, family and in our own personal lives. Is it due to a lack of knowledge concerning what words ought to be said or is it due to a failure to understand the importance and necessity of prayer?

### DAY 3 – PRAY TO OUR FATHER FOR INSIGHT READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 11:1-13.** Are verses 2-4 the same account as recorded in Matthew 6:9-15?
- (b) Take note of the pronouns in verses 2-4. What does that teach the disciples and us about the proper attitude of prayer?
- (c) How many of our own prayers are centered around words such as I, Me, My, Mine, His, Hers, etc.?
- (d) For the remainder of the week, make an effort to pray using broad pronouns (Dan 9:3-21), but remember: owning the sins of our community as ours personally is needed as well (Isaiah 6:1-5).

### DAY 4 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT AND DON'T STOP UNTIL YOU HAVE IT READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 11:1-13.** In verses 5-8 What is the importance of the time midnight?
- (b) Why did the friend in need go to this particular friend? Why did he refuse to leave? (Both questions have the same answer.)
- (c) In verse 9 we see that his request was answered only because of his importunity or impudence (defined as “making repeated or annoying request, troublesomely urgent, overly persistent in request”). Ask yourself “How many of my prayers are marked by importunity?” and “How often are my prayers answered?” How close are those two answers?

### DAY 5 – PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO GIVES INSIGHT READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Luke 11:1-13.** Does Luke 11:9-10 teach that every prayer we pray will be answered? See David's prayer in 2 Samuel 12:16, Moses' prayer in Deuteronomy 3:24-25, and Paul's prayer in 2 Corinthians 12:8-12 before you answer.
- (b) What does Luke 11:11-13 imply should be our most sought after request in prayer? Why should that be our preeminent prayer? See Rom 8:26-27 for help.

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*Lord, Teach Us to Pray*