

Growth Group Lesson
January 7-8
Prayer - Luke 11:9-13

Spend time praying with your group. Ask God for help in understanding his heart for prayer.

Get to know one another:

1. What are your New Year's Resolutions?

Read Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, and reveals to them what God is like.

2. What does Jesus' prayer teach us about how to pray? **Verses 2-4**
 - a. Why does he ask for those specific things?
 - b. What does this type of prayer reveal about the heart of the person praying?
3. What does Jesus reveal about the Father's heart? **Verses 9-13**
4. How can we be confident that God hears our prayers and cares about them? **Romans 8:26-28 and 34, Heb 10:19-22**
5. What is the effect of prayer in our lives? **Verse 13, Phil. 4:4-7, John 15:7-11**
 - a. Why is it best that we are given the Holy Spirit as a response to prayer, even if we don't get our own desired outcome in prayer?
6. What have you been praying for recently?
 - a. How has God responded to those prayers?
 - b. How have you responded to those prayers?
7. What has been prayer's effect in your life in the past?
 - a. Has anything changed with how you relate or interact with God and others?
8. What has been prayer's effect in your life lately?
 - a. Has anything changed with how you relate or interact with God and others?
9. What are some challenges to prayer for you?
 - a. How would you like God to change those? How will you participate in that change? When will you participate in that change?

Choose a prayer activity to do together. (Feel free to choose as many as you want!)

10. As a group, pray prayers of praise to God, reflecting on his character.
11. As a group, spend 5-10 minutes in silence, focusing on God's character and practice listening.
12. Split into smaller groups of two or three and pray for one another.
 - If possible, continue mixing up those smaller groups so that everyone gets a chance to pray with one another.
 - In each group you enter, ask for prayer for something new. Even if it seems trivial, Jesus taught us to ask for things like daily bread.

Close in prayer as a group.

- Pray for the coming year in your Growth Group.
- Pray for opportunities to share your faith with others.
- Pray for opportunities for your group to love and serve others in your neighborhood and community so that you can tell them about Jesus.