

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

When we pray, we can address God as our loving Father and persevere with our requests, knowing that He withholds no good thing from his children, including Himself, in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

1. Why can we address God as Father (verse 2; Romans 8:15-17)? What does it mean to hallow God's name?
2. What are we inviting by asking for God's kingdom (verse 2)? How is God's kingdom both a present and future reality?
3. Explain the significance of "us" in this prayer (verses 3-4).
4. Have God's blessings become so commonplace that you neglect to ask and depend on Him for your daily needs (verse 3)?
5. What forgiveness do you need, and who do you need to forgive? How is our sin debt handled in the gospel?
6. What is forgiveness? Discuss the following:
 - a. *Forgiveness is not tolerating habitual abuse.*
 - b. *Forgiveness is not synonymous with trust.*
 - c. *Forgiveness is not forgetting sin.*
 - d. *Forgiveness is not always a one-time event.*
 - e. *Forgiveness is not the same as reconciliation.*
7. What's the difference between temptation and testing/trials (James 1:2-3; 1 Peter 1:6-7), and how can we overcome temptation when feeling overwhelmed (1 Corinthians 10:13)?
8. What are Jesus' parables, how are they connected with Jesus' model of prayer, and what do they teach us about God (verses 5-12)? What are some important cultural elements that help shed light on these parables?
9. What is the promise God makes to those who persist in prayer? Are you waiting for God to answer a particular prayer?
10. What is the greatest gift that God gives his people (verse 13)?