



## Sermon Discussion Guide

### 6.7.26 Message | Keith Ehresman | Luke 11:1-13

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

## LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)

### → Share Life

- What's something simple you're thankful for right now?
- What's been taking most of your attention lately?
- Is there anyone in your community who needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

### → Follow Up From Last Time

- As you think back to last week, what stood out or stayed with you?
- Was there anything you felt invited to try, practice, or pay attention to this week? How did that go?
- Did that show up in any conversations, choices, or moments this week?
- Where did you see God at work - even in small ways?

## LOOK UP – Scripture & Discovery (~60%)

### → Read (twice, in different translations)

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

### → Retell

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

## Key Scripture (ESV)

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

- *Luke 11:1-13*

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## MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Prayer is not primarily about getting things from God—it is about being with God.
  - Jesus teaches prayer as a relationship with a loving Father, not merely a religious activity or ritual.
  - The Lord’s Prayer provides a blueprint that helps shape our hearts, priorities, and dependence on God.
  - Prayer aligns our desires with God’s Kingdom and reminds us that He is our source for daily needs.
  - Honest prayer includes worship, dependence, forgiveness, and a desire for God’s guidance.
  - Persistence in prayer reflects trust in God’s character, even when answers seem delayed.
  - The greatest gift God gives through prayer is not simply answers, but His presence and the work of His Spirit in our lives.
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## CONVERSATION STARTER

Have you ever tried to build, fix, or assemble something without looking at the instructions? How did it turn out?

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## **DISCUSS THE MESSAGE** (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

## **THINK DEEPER** (Does your group understand the passage?)

- In **Luke 11:1**, the disciples ask Jesus, “*Lord, teach us to pray.*” What do you think they saw in Jesus’ prayer life that made them want to learn from Him?
  - Jesus begins His model prayer with the word “**Father.**” What does that tell us about the kind of relationship God wants to have with His people?
  - Looking at **Luke 11:2–4**, which part of Jesus’ prayer stands out to you the most right now, and why?
  - The sermon described prayer as a blueprint for life, not just a list of requests. How is that different from the way people often think about prayer?
  - In **verse 3**, Jesus teaches His followers to pray for daily bread. What do you think daily dependence on God looks like in everyday life?
  - Jesus includes both receiving forgiveness and extending forgiveness to others (**verse 4**). Why do you think those two things are connected?
  - In **Luke 11:5–13**, Jesus tells a story about persistence and then says, “*Ask, seek, knock.*” What do you think Jesus is teaching about prayer through those examples?
  - The message contrasted transactional prayer with relational prayer. When you think about your own prayer life, what helps you move from simply asking God for things to spending time with Him?
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## **BRIDGE QUESTION**

Based on this passage, what kinds of responses does it invite? What direction does it point our lives toward?

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## **LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)**

### → **Inside Me**

- Where do I need to bring my sin into the light instead of hiding it?
- What is one concrete step of obedience I can take this week to pursue Jesus in that area?

### → **Who Else?**

- Who might need encouragement that grace is real and change is possible?
- How can I move toward them with love and truth this week?

### → **Pray Together**

- Pray for clarity to see Jesus more clearly and follow Him faithfully.
- Pray for strength to resist anything that competes for our allegiance and next steps.
- Pray for courage and grace to take the next faithful step that God is inviting us into.