

Bible Study 15 – Leadership rooted in prayer– Luke 11:1-13

Picture a father asleep in bed. At 2 a.m., he hears tiny feet padding down the hallway, then a small hand pounding on his door. "Daddy! Daddy! I had a bad dream!" He doesn't groan, "Do you know what time it is? Go away." He gets up immediately, opens the door, and gathers the child into his arms. If we, imperfect parents, would never ignore our own child's cry, how much more will our Father in heaven respond — not grudgingly, but eagerly — when we come knocking? Prayer is like a child, in the middle of the night, running to a Father who was already waiting to open the door.

The context	Luke wrote a historical biography of the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus was both human and the divine Son of God. He was a descendant of the Jewish king David. He healed many people, drove out demons and taught about the kingdom of God. Jesus called the disciples to follow Him and trained them to takeover His ministry after He was gone. He began ministering in Galilee (4:14-9:50). And He left on His last trip to Jerusalem (Lk. 17:11) and entered on Palm Sunday (Lk. 19:28-44).
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Luke 11:1-13

The disciples prayer (v.1-4)	
First parable (v.5-8)	
Persistence rewarded (v.9-10)	
Second parable (v.11-13)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?



3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. After we are saved, God deals with us as with children. But sin spoils our fellowship with God (1 John 1:6). How can this fellowship be restored (1 John 1:9; Luke 11:4)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

The disciples saw Jesus pray many times. They were told to approach God in prayer by acknowledging His uniqueness and their need for His provision and protection. They were encouraged to be persistent in prayer because God always answers our prayers. Persistent prayer is not an annoyance to God, and the One we approach is a generous Father who delights to answer. Prayer is approaching a loving Father with confidence, persistence, and trust.



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	How will I help them?

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	Prayer points