THE COMMUNICATION IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Luke 11:1–13

Key Verse: 11:2

1. Review how and when in his life and ministry Jesus prayed; what does this tell us about him? (3:21; 6:12; 9:18; 11:1; cf. Heb5:7) What did one of his disciples ask and why? (1b)
2. Read verse 2. What does it mean to call God “Father”? (Gal4:6) To pray that his “name” be “hallowed”? (Le10:3; Eze36:23; Ro2:21–24) Why should we pray this first?
3. What’s the next thing to pray for, and how is it related to the first? (2b) What does it mean to pray for God’s kingdom to come? (Ro8:23; 1Th4:16,17) How can we be a part of this? (10:9; Ac28:31)

1. Read verse 3. What does it mean to pray for our daily bread, and why is it important to pray for this? (Pr30:8,9; Lk12:22ff.)
2. Read verse 4. What does it mean to always ask God to forgive our sins? (1Jn1:8–10) Why should we also mention our forgiving “everyone who sins against us”? (Mk11:25) What should our final prayer be, and why? (4b)

1. What story did Jesus tell, and what was he teaching his disciples through it about prayer? (5–8) Read verses 9,10. Why do we not “ask, seek or knock”? What does Jesus want us to learn here about prayer?

1. What rhetorical questions did Jesus ask? (11,12) What point about prayer was he making? (13) Why should we especially ask for the Holy Spirit?