



## Working it out

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1. How have you used this pattern of prayer in your own prayer life?
2. How does Jesus teaching on prayer in this passage relate to your own prayer life?
3. Which one of the Timeless Truths do you need to apply to your prayer life? How might you begin to do that?
4. How does this lesson apply to our church as we move through this season of transition?



## Praying Through

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1. Talk to the Lord about what He has taught you through this study.
2. As we begin the Assess Church Health stage of IPM's process, ask the Lord to use the Ministry Insight Tool to give us insight into His will and direction for our church.
3. Ask the Lord to help us as a church to fully trust Him and to grow through the journey as we seek to strengthen our church in this season of transition.
4. Pray for the church Annual Meeting next Sunday.



## Jesus Teaching on Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

*"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado*

Jesus Teaching a Pattern for Prayer (vs. 1-4)

Jesus Teaching a Parable for Prayer (vs. 5-8)

## Reflection – Discussion – Application



### Warming up

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1. How did you learn to pray as a child?
2. What were the prayers you were taught to pray as a child?



### Digging In

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1. Read through the following passages in Luke's gospel: 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28-29; 18:1; 22:41, 44. What do you observe about Jesus' prayer life from these passages?

What was it about Jesus' prayer life that might have prompted the disciples to ask Jesus to teach them to pray?

2. Compare Jesus teaching on prayer in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6: 5-15) with this occasion of Jesus answering the disciples' request in Luke 11:1-13. How are they similar, how do they differ?

What do these similarities and differences suggest about this pattern of prayer know as the Lord's Prayer?

3. Luke sets the stage for Jesus' teaching on prayer with an account at Mary & Martha's home. Why do you think Luke might have introduced Jesus teaching like this (remember the original writings did not have chapter & verse marking to separate things)?

### Timeless Truths:

1. Because God is OUR Father, we pray TOGETHER as a community of believers.
2. Because God is our FATHER, we pray to NURTURE our relationship with Him and express our dependence upon Him for all of life.
3. Because God is holy, we pray with REVERENCE, expressing our submission to Him.
4. Because God is gracious and generous, we come BOLDLY AND REGULARLY to share our heart and to persistently knock on heaven's door with our requests.