

Devotement | A Call To...Prayer | Luke 11:1-13

- 1. How important do you see your prayer life? How about for the life of our church? Why do you think it is hard for what we believe in theory (about the importance of prayer) to transfer into practice?
- 2. How does prayer help us grow in our relationship with God? Has anyone's prayerfulness ever inspired you? What did you learn from them?

READ: Luke 11:1-4

- 3. What question would you ask Jesus about prayer and why?
- 4. How has Jesus taught us to pray? Does your prayer life reflect this pattern? What does this prayer teach us about what God wants us to desire? Discuss the different aspects of the Lord's Prayer as Jesus teaches it here in Luke. If we prayed more as Jesus taught what would our prayers be full of?
- 5. Stop and spend some time praying together using the pattern of the Lord's Prayer to shape your prayers.

READ: Luke 11:5-10

- 6. How good are you at asking for help? Why or why not? How should we pray according to these verses? What does being 'shamelessly audacious' mean to you v8? When you are in need do you boldly ask God? Is there a bold prayer you would like to pray today? Have you ever prayed bold, persistent prayers? Share your experience.
- 7. Have you ever fallen into the trap of seeing prayer as a vending machine? How would you explain v 9&10 to someone who is wrestling with unanswered prayer?

READ: Luke 11:11-13

8. How might understanding God as a good/perfect Father change the way that we pray? What gift does he promise to give us?

Spend some more time praying as you close. Why not bring some bold prayers to God today! Don't forget to join in with some of the Prayer Week gatherings this week if you can.