

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

APRIL 26-MAY 2

Scripture Reading

LUKE 11:1-4

Main Idea

TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY

This week, our church is in the middle of a week of prayer. Each day we are taking time to pray and then coming together at night to pray together. Why do we do this? Because prayer is important and prayer is powerful!

Prayer is speaking and listening to God. Prayer is the way I can learn about God, grow closer to Him, and understand His Word. Prayer can be a time of healing for us when life is tough, but also a time when God challenges us to grow in our faith.

Jesus believed that prayer was incredibly important for us. In our Bible verses, the friends of Jesus came to Him and asked Him to teach them how to pray. These men had watched Jesus do some pretty amazing things. Jesus healed people, calmed storms, and even raised people from the dead! They knew something was different about Jesus. And they could have asked Jesus any question. They could have asked Him how to do miracles or how to have the right answers.

But instead they asked Jesus how to pray. The disciples realized that the power Jesus lived with came from His close relationship with God the Father. And that relationship came from the time Jesus spent in prayer.

Jesus was always praying. He often would go away alone to spend time with God. Jesus understood and was showing us that to live our lives for God, we must be close to God. We need to not only believe in God, but become a friend of God. And prayer helps that happen.

Would you be able to be a good friend if you never talked to your friends? Of course not. We become good friends by talking, listening, and learning about people. And that's how we become close with God.

So today, let's follow the example Jesus gave us and learn how to pray like Him. And in these verses, Jesus gives us a great example of our prayers and where to begin.

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Discussion

Preschool

- What do you want to thank God for today?
- What does it mean to pray?
- What do you want to pray about today?

Elementary

- What do think it means to pray?
- Why do you think prayer is important?
- How often should we pray to God?
- What would you like to pray for today?

Students

- What does this passage tell you about prayer?
- Based on the prayer Jesus gave, what are some important parts of prayer?
- Do you feel your prayers are more talking or listening to God?
- Why do we often neglect to spend time in prayer?
- How can we make prayer a more important part of our lives as a family and as individuals?

Pray.

Dear God, today we thank you that we can come to you in prayer. You are close to us and we can be close to You.

Help us to make time with you a part of every day. Teach us how to pray and show what is most important to You.

Guide us, strengthen us, and help us to become more like You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Be Consistent

Create a family devotion plan and stick to it. It may be new to you and might take a few weeks to get off the ground, but consistency builds stability. Build this into your family life and over time, your family will look forward to it and your discussions will go deeper.

Be Authentic

Sometimes the best thing we can do to convey truth to others is to be real and vulnerable. It's easy to put up a facade with our kids, but they will learn from you most when you talk about your struggles and mistakes and how God brought you through.

Be Creative

You know your kids the best. So leverage that. Explore different locations, styles, games and whatever God lays on your heart. Jesus was creative when He spoke and we can be too!