



DISCUSSION GUIDE

PRAYER - Learning To Trust

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GETTING STARTED

- Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night by a phone call or a knock on the door from someone who needed help? What were the circumstances?
- When are the times that you are most likely to pray? Are these times a routine practice for you?

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

- Share about a time in your life when you persevered and were persistent. How did things turn out?
- Steve used the word “shameless” to describe how we should pray. What does this mean and can you think of any examples?
- How might God being the perfect father affect how he responds to your prayers? What would cause him to say “yes”? “No”? “Wait”? or “Maybe”?
- What are some things you tend to not pray for because you view them as not important?
- What keeps you from persevering in prayer?

EXPLORE THE PASSAGE (Luke 11:5-13)

- Most people lived in one-room houses, and slept with their families all in the same room. Why would this situation be bothersome? (vs. 7-8)
- Why does the requesting man get what he’s asking for? (vs 8)
- What will we receive if we keep on seeking, asking and knocking? (vs. 9-10)
- Jesus uses the analogy of a father and son. How would you describe a relationship between a father and son if the son is afraid to ask his father for things? (vs. 11-12)
- According to this passage, why should we feel comfortable boldly asking God for our requests? (vs. 13)
- According to v.13, what does God always give when asked for?
- According to James, why do we not receive what we pray for sometimes? (James 4:2-3)

APPLY THE PASSAGE

- What are the benefits of a persistent prayer life?
- What keeps most people (and possibly you) from praying on a regular basis? What are some specific ways we can encourage/challenge one another to overcome those challenges?
- How can we pray for each other?