

In our time together in the book of Luke, we want to discover Jesus, the man who is God, in a fresh way. Each week we will be discovering a new aspect of who Jesus is and how we fulfilled God's redemptive plan for all creation.

STARTER

When we begin to talk about prayer what are some of the thoughts that come to mind?

If you could use only one word to describe your experience in prayer, what would it be?

This past Sunday we discussed Jesus teaching on prayer from the Gospel of Luke. Through this we want to learn more about God and how we can communicate with him together and in our lives.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURE

Please take a few moments to read Luke 11:1-13.

What is the significance of the disciples asking Jesus to pray? Did they not know how?

Please take a few moments to read over Luke 11:2-4. What are some of the themes that emerge in the "Lord's Prayer"?

What is Jesus trying to teach us about prayer in Luke 11:5-13?

MAKING IT REAL

In your own life, if you could ask Jesus anything about prayer, what would you ask him?

What are some of the things from Sunday or from our time tonight that you have learned that might change the way you pray in the future?

What do you believe are things Jesus is teaching us about growing in prayer as a group?

DISCOVERING JESUS

It would be odd to talk about prayer and not pray. Please allow 30-40 minutes for this exercise. Please explain to everyone that we are going to take extended time to pray through the word ACTS, which stands for adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. It is ok if there are moments of silence as well as this is meant to be time spent in the presence of God. Allow 7-10 minutes for each section. At the start of each section please say a few sentence to reiterate what that section of prayer is about. As you reach the end of the last section, please close the time with e final prayer. Adoration - Give God praise and honor for who he is as Lord over all. Praise him for specific attributes of his character and person.

Confession – Confess any sin or unbelief to God. This can be general sin, (i.e. things like apathy in our generation, etc.) or specific sin (anger, bitterness, etc.)

Thanksgiving – Thank the Lord for the blessing in your life and in the world around you. Noting is too big or too small.

Supplication – Our last section is to bring our requests before the Lord. Pray for the needs of others in the group that you know of. Pray for people in our community to come to faith in Jesus.