

LIVE 2017: LUKE 11:1-13

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Directly following the Lord's Prayer in v.2-4, Jesus encourages his followers to pray with this directive: "ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." In reflecting on this passage we have to ask ourselves if we believe him. Sure, as Christians we pray; it's what we're supposed to do. But do we actually believe God is going to answer? Further still, do we actually pray prayers that need answering?

Two main things hold us back from prayer: either we don't think it does any good, or we're afraid of God's answer. Both of those miss Jesus' ultimate message in this passage, that God is a good Father that we needn't fear, a Father who longs to give good things (namely, his own presence in the Spirit) to his children. By looking at the nature of God and his goodness we can find every reason to come to him in prayer.

Discussion

Read Luke 11:9-13 (you can read all of 1-13, but 9-13 is more focused)

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- What does this tell us about God's character?
- What about this passage is encouraging?
- What about this passage is hard to believe?
- How does this passage call you to have faith in the Father?



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