



Sermon Questions

May 26, 2024 | Scripture: Luke 11:5-13 (*Ask, Seek, Knock*)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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Core Questions

1. How does the parable of the friends at midnight speak to God’s willingness to hear our prayers? Consider the lesser-to-greater aspect.
2. In verses 9-10, what expectation does Jesus give us regarding prayer?
3. Talk about the images in verses 11 and 12. Why does Jesus choose such ridiculous images?
4. Is Jesus avoiding the issue in verse 13 when he promises the Holy Spirit? Why does he conclude his masterclass on prayer with this?

Inward Grace in Action

5. Read aloud the quotation from JC Ryle in the box below. Spend extended time in prayer together, showing grace and compassion to one another as you resolve to grow in this together.

Outward Grace in Action

6. How could the offer of the Holy Spirit being given shape our evangelism?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these

Scriptures:

- 2 Chronicles 1:7-12
- Joel 2:28-32
- Isaiah 65
- Luke 18:1-8
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- James 1:5-8

Serve: Invite a newcomer, or someone new to you, to a meal at your home.

Pray: Ask the Lord to work deeply in our church family in the aftermath of this sermon series.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons’ Fund: deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

And now, as we leave the passage, let us ask ourselves whether we know anything of real prayer? Do we pray at all?—Do we pray in the name of Jesus, and as needy sinners?—Do we know what it is to “ask,” and “seek,” and “knock,” and wrestle in prayer, like men who feel that it is a matter of life or death, and that they must have an answer?—Or are we content with saying over some old form of words, while our thoughts are wandering, and our hearts far away? Truly we have learned a great lesson when we have learned that “saying prayers” is not praying!

If we do pray, let it be a settled rule with us, never to leave off the habit of praying, and never to shorten our prayers. A man’s state before God may always be measured by his prayers. Whenever we begin to feel careless about our private prayers, we may depend upon it, there is something very wrong in the condition of our souls. There are breakers ahead. We are in imminent danger of a shipwreck.

J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on Luke*, vol. 2 (1879), 13–14.