



CONVERSATION STARTER

What has your prayer life looked like lately? What have you been bringing before God in prayer?

Would you describe your current prayer life as healthy or in need of growth? Why?

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Read Luke 11:1-13; Luke 18:1-8

1. Prayer wasn't merely something Jesus occasionally added to his ministry—it was central to his life. What stands out to you about Jesus' dependence on prayer? What can we learn from his example?
2. Jesus teaches us to pray for God's name to be honored, his kingdom to come, our daily needs to be met, our sins to be forgiven, and protection from temptation. Which of these priorities is most present in your prayers? Which is most often missing? What do you think your answer reveals about your current relationship with God?
3. Jesus begins with, "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come." What would it look like to pray intentionally for God's name to be honored and for more of your life, family, church, or community to come under Jesus' reign? Discuss and then spend some time praying this together in your own way.
4. Jesus teaches us to pray for our daily bread, or what we genuinely need from God. Where are you most aware of your dependence upon God right now? Where are you tempted to live as though you are self-sufficient? Discuss and then spend time praying this together in your own way.
5. Jesus includes confession and forgiveness as regular parts of prayer. Is there a sin you have been reluctant to confess or a person you have struggled to forgive? What might be keeping you from taking that step? Discuss and then spend time praying this together in your own way.
6. Similarly, asking God not to lead us into temptation acknowledges that we need his help in our struggle against sin. Where are you especially vulnerable to temptation right now? How could prayer become a more active part of that struggle? Discuss and then spend time praying this together in your own way.

7. Though we intellectually know that God is our Father. Do you approach him that way? When you knock on his door, do you tend to approach God confidently as a beloved child, timidly as though you might be bothering him, or cautiously as though you must earn his attention? What contributes to that posture?
8. In light of this passage, what is one specific response Jesus may be calling you to make this week?

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