LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: A Praying People
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Luke 11:1-4

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Sermon Outline

With Christ in the school of prayer:
I. Pray with confidence (Luke 11:2)
II. Pray with reverence (Luke 11:2)
III. Pray God's promises (Luke 11:2)
IV. Pray for provision (Luke 11:3)
V. Pray for pardon (Luke 11:4)
VI. Pray for protection (Luke 11:4)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. Don't rush past the opening words of Luke 11:1: "Jesus was praying." How might *his* commitment to it increase or deepen *your* commitment to prayer? Why do you think Jesus uses the word "when" instead of "if" in verse 2?

3. In Luke 11:1, his disciples *see* Jesus pray and then want to pray themselves. There is power in modeling godliness (and prayerfulness) in the sight of others. How could you use your prayer life to encourage others in prayer? What might be some benefits? What are a few dangers we should look out for in doing that?

4. It's easy to "fill in" God's title as "Father" (Luke 11:2) with all the characteristics of the earthly fathers we know. How might you use the Bible to begin building a "picture" of the *kind* of Father he really is?

5. What do you think it looks like practically for a person to honor or revere God and his name?

6. Why do we want the kingdom of Jesus to come? How does knowing it *will* come shape our 1. prayers and 2. our perspective on life?

7. What's the difference between a want and a need? Why is it important to know the difference? Why do you think Jesus tells us pray for our needs? Do you think he *discourages* praying for our wants? Why or why not?

8. Why is it important to think (and thank God for!) all the ways he *has* provided for our needs (and so much more!)?

9. In Luke 11:4, Jesus instructs us to ask God to forgive us our sins. Why do you think it's important to *name* our sins when we do that?

10. Why do you think Jesus tethers our asking God for forgiveness and our forgiving others? Take a minute to read Matthew 6:14-15 and Matthew 18:21-35. How do these passages reinforce or clarify what Jesus says in Luke?

11. What sin or temptation do you need most help fighting? How could you pray for that help?

12. What part do we play in not being led into temptation?

13. Take a few minutes to write out a short prayer along the lines of Luke 11:2-4 (don't worry about using the exact words!).