LIFE Group Sermon Questions

The Center of Everything: A Gracious Father
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Luke 11:5-13

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Sermon Outline

Still with Christ in the school of prayer:
I. Pray with boldness (Luke 11:5-8)
II. Pray with perseverance (Luke 11:9-10)
III. See that God is generous (Luke 11:9-10)
IV. Trust God's goodness (Luke 11:11-13)

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. What tends to keep you from prayer? How does Luke 11:1-13 encourage you to keep at it?

3. There's a ditch on either side of sanctified boldness: on the one hand, we can become entitled, demanding God do what we want. On the other hand, we can become timid, shrinking back from sharing with God all that is on our heart. Which side do you tend to lean? What are some things that might help correct those on either side?

4. In the parable Jesus tells, the host goes to his neighbor/friend at midnight. Why is it so good that *God* is available to us *whenever* we need him? If you have time, peruse through the Psalms and see if you can't find a few references to God's welcome in prayer at *all* hours.

5. In what things are you tempted to give up praying for? Why?

6. How has God done a work in *you* as you've persevered in prayer?

7. How does knowing that God is *generous* encourage you in prayer?

8. How have you seen God's generosity in answering your prayers?

9. Why is it important that we understand what *God* thinks of as "good"? What will be the effect if we don't do that?

10. What is something in your life right now that *looks* like a snake? How might it actually be a fish (based on the "good" that God says he's committed to doing in you)?

11. In your own words, why are the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit such good gifts? In what ways do you "downplay" their value or importance? What effect do you think it would have on how you view God if you saw them as valuable and good as they are?

12. What do you need to entrust to your Father today, this week, in the coming year?