**Luke 11:1-13 ASK – Ask, Seek, Knock.**

**HOOK**

**1. What are some of your earliest memories of prayer?** (i.e. at a table before a meal, at night before bed, in church, or pretty much non-existent?)

**2. Do you like to pray out loud? Why or why not?**

**3. What’s the difference between a “good” prayer and a “bad” prayer?**  (Length, emotion, raw honesty, theologically correct, etc). **What implication can we draw from the fact that the Lord’s Prayer, in Luke, is only 34 words long?**  (Good prayers don’t have to be long.)

**4. Can a believer be close to Jesus without praying much? Can other pathways like Bible reading, serving, and worshipping keep a believer close to God?**

**BOOK, LOOK**

**“Our Father in heaven”**

5. **Does your experience with your earthly father color your perception of God as Father?**

**“Hallowed be your name”**

6. The Lord’s prayer begins with a focus on God. **How does praise, worship and adoration positively change our relationship with God?** (It builds relationship with God and helps form our values and character – we become like what we worship.)

**“Your kingdom come; (your will be done on earth as it is in heaven).”**

7. The kingdom of God is present wherever we submit our will to the king, and prayer is crying out for His kingdom to come on earth. **What do you see going on in the world that you can identify is against Jesus’ kingdom values and which you are motivated to pray against?**

**“Give us each day our daily bread.”**

8. Read Proverbs 30:7-9 and John 6:48. **What do you think Jesus had in mind when he taught us to pray for daily bread?**

**“Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.”**

9**. Is it harder for you to ask for forgiveness or grant forgiveness to those who sin against you?**

**“And lead us, not into temptation.”**

10. Pray is the pathway to purity. Every serious seeker of God will be tested – 1 Cor 10:13. **What temptation has given you the most trouble lately?**

**Luke 11:5-13**

11. The point of this story isn’t to equate God with a miserly neighbour. The point of this story is the contrast. **Do you see God as a generous gift giver, or a little bit stingy?**

**Ask – “Ask and it will be given to you”**

12. Ask God for what you need. If we don’t believe God is for us, we will prayer small, timid prayers.

Ask God for what He wants for you. Prayer must never be an attempt to bend the will of God to our desires; prayer should always be an attempt to submit our will to the will of God.

**What are you asking God for most lately?**

**Seek** – **“Seek and you will find”**

13. Prayer isn’t seeking the gift; it’s seeking the Giver. **How do you seek God?** (Seeking God in trials – Deut. 4:29;

Seeking God in His Word – Deut. 29:29; Seek God’s face in worship)

**Knock –** “Knock and the door will be opened to you.”

 **14. What has God been prompting you to do lately in response to your prayers?**

 15. “Intercession” means to pray on someone else’s behalf. **Who is God putting on your heart to pray for recently?**

**TOOK**

Pray for one another. Intercede for those God is prompting your hearts to pray for.