

The Lord's Prayer

Lesson 20

Luke 11:1-4

Memory Verse

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

Introduction

Jesus' friends saw Him pray often. One time, after Jesus prayed, one of His friends asked Jesus to help them learn how to pray.

Scripture

Luke 11:1-4

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' "

Discussion

Ask: Who taught us to pray?

Jesus was our example. Jesus taught us the model prayer.

Ask: How does God want us to begin our prayers?

We should begin our prayers with praise—Lifting up God's name and worshipping Him for who He is.

"Our Father in Heaven, may your name be honored." A great way to begin our prayers is to praise God for who He is. He is a loving Father who cares about us. We can thank Him for all the good things He does for us.

Ask: How should we pray?

We should pray for God's will to be done—Tell God we want things His way

"May your kingdom come soon. May your will be done here on earth, just as it is in heaven." It is good to pray for God's will to be done. This means that WE want what GOD wants! This should always be our prayer.

Ask: What should we ask for?

We should ask for our needs—Let God know what we need

"Give us our food for today." God is the one who gives us everything we have! We can ask Him for what we need and thank Him when He provides for us.

Discussion

Ask: What is confession?

Confession is—asking for forgiveness of our sins.

“Forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us.”

It is important to admit to God that we have sinned and ask Him to forgive us. This is called **confession**. And Jesus reminds us that we must forgive other people, too.

Ask: Why should we pray?

We should ask for help with temptation—Admit to God that we need help not to sin

“Don’t let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.” We can ask God to protect us from temptation and to help us not sin when we are tempted. He knows how deceitful Satan is. We really do need God’s help to fight Satan!

Application

Ask: How does God respond to prayer?

God may answer prayer in three ways: yes, no or wait.

It’s like a traffic light. The red light tells us that we are to stop so that we will not have an accident. God says, “no,” because what we request is not good.

A yellow light tells the driver to proceed with caution. God sometimes says, “maybe or wait.” We must wait until our prayers have been answered.

A green light tells the driver that he may proceed. God gives us a green light when our prayers are answered with a “yes.”

Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?

Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.