

Living Water Fellowship

2nd Sunday in Lent – 16th March 2025

COME TO JESUS

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 11:1-13 & Hebrews 4:14-16. What strikes you in these verses?
2. For what or whom do you pray most fervently? Why?
3. This passage is the longest stretch of teaching on prayer in Luke's Gospel. What do you notice about the beginning of this teaching? What prompts Jesus to teach on prayer? Is that significant? How would you think Jesus' teaching differs from John's?
4. Quickly read through (Luke 3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18, 28). How has Luke so far described Jesus' prayer patterns? What happens this time (11:1)? What does this tell you about Jesus' way of teaching his disciples? What seems to be the focus of Jesus' praying?
5. Read also the two parables: Luke 18:1-8 & the one here in 11:5-8. How are they similar or different? What do you believe Jesus wants you to hear & then do?
6. What do the actions commanded in verses 9-10 teach us about the relationship we have with God?
7. What reason does the writer of Hebrews give for holding "firmly to what we believe"? Why does seeing how Jesus first drew near to us (in his incarnation, temptation, & suffering) encourage us to draw near to him?
8. How does understanding the finished work of Christ & his ongoing priestly ministry give us confidence to draw near to God? When do you most need to remember & apply this in your life?
9. Why do you think many struggle approaching God even in times of deep need? How can you offer someone assurance that God does hear & answer our prayers even if our requests are not always answered as we would like?
10. What would you tell a not-yet-Christian what is the "real point" of prayer?
11. What does Jesus, in His Word, today call you to do in the week ahead?

Remember:

Our assurance is in God we trust to hear & answer our prayers,
not in the answers we receive to our prayers.

Continue praying through the week:

***Father prepare me for whatever you require today
and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.
In Jesus' Name...Amen.***

SONGS: Good & Gracious King
I Want to Know You

WELCOME & PRAYER:

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Luke 11:1-13

¹ Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him & said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:
"Father, may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.

³ Give us each day the food we need,
⁴ and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation."

⁵ Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ⁶ 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, & I have nothing for him to eat.' ⁷ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, & my family & I are all in bed. I can't help you.' ⁸ But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up & give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

⁹ "So I tell you, keep on asking, & you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, & you will find. Keep on knocking, & the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

CHILDREN'S TIME:

SONG: Ancient of Days

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, & we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

FAITH CHAT:

1. What is something for which you are currently praying?
2. Why does not getting what you pray for cause some to walk away from Jesus but others to cling more tightly to him?

THE MESSAGE: *WHOLE-HEARTED ASSURANCE*
Special Thanks – Paul Prenzler

OFFERING SONG: You are my All in All

PRAYERS:

THE COMMUNION:

Preparation:

O God, all our sin, all our hatred, all our violence, all our apathy, all our convenient neglect, came together in that dark hour when they snuffed out the light of your goodness, & crucified your Son, our Lord. We come to remember:

O God, all your love, all your compassion, all your goodness, all your forgiveness, came together in that life & that dying, when they crucified your Son, our Lord. And we remember.

O God, all of your grace that we know in Jesus, reveals itself where hate meets love, where injustice meets justice, where despair meets hope, where death meets life, & we believe we were there when they crucified your Son, our Lord & that this is none other than the way also to truth & life. And we remember.

Lord God, you welcome us, emptied of pride & hungry for grace, to this your kingdom feast. Nowhere can we find the food for which our souls cry out but here, at your table. Nourish us, Lord, that in & through this bread & wine your love may meet us & your life complete us in the power & glory of your kingdom. Amen

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship during Communion:

VIDEO – HIS MERCY IS MORE

GO IN HIS POWER

THE BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God...
Jesus prays for you
as you pray for those around you!
-- Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: Living Hope

SHOW HIS LOVE