

40 Days of Prayer – Enrolling in Christ’s School of Prayer

Luke 11:1

If you really want to be changed by 40 Days of Prayer, you need to experience the next 40 days in its entirety.

- Large group worship for now through October 24
- Small group experience every week for the next 6 weeks.
- Utilize the 40 Days of Prayer resource daily.

This Week’s Key Verse:

John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”

Luke 11:1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.”

1. _____ – Connecting with Our Creator

Luke 11:1 “Lord, teach us **to pray.**”

Luke 11:1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him...

- Prayer is acknowledging God’s _____.
- Prayer is encountering God’s presence.
- Prayer is connecting to God’s _____.
- Prayer is _____ God’s grace.
- Prayer is asking for God’s involvement.
- Prayer is _____ to God speak.

Application:

- a) Think about the kinds of prayers you pray. How would you describe them?
- b) Tell God you want to experience prayer that way it’s supposed to be. Tell Him you want to encounter Him in your prayer life and experience the joy of heaven and the thrill of the a divine encounter when you bow your head.

2. Teach Us – Underscoring Our _____

Luke 11:1 “Lord, **teach us** to pray.”

- We need _____.
- We’ve learned _____.
- We’re tired of placebo prayers.
 - A placebo is something that looks real, _____.

Application:

- a) Do you have a prayer deficiency in your life? If so, would you acknowledge it to God?
- b) Acknowledge to God that He is the best one to teach you how to pray and tell Him you willingly and joyfully sit under His teaching so as to strengthen your prayer life.

3. _____ – Recognizing Our _____
Luke 11:1 “**Lord**, teach us to pray.”

- God is the _____ on prayer.

Luke 11:2 And He said to them, “When you pray, say...

- God longs for you to _____ in prayer.

- The ultimate purpose of prayer is to know God.
- John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.”
- Oswald Chambers – My Utmost for His Highest
Prayer is not a normal part of the life of the natural man. We hear it said that a person’s life will suffer if he doesn’t pray, but I question that. What will suffer is the life of the Son of God in him, which is nourished not by food, but by prayer. When a person is born again from above, the life of the Son of God is born in him, and he can either starve or nourish that life. Prayer is the way that the life of God in us is nourished. Our common ideas regarding prayer are not found in the New Testament. We look upon prayer simply as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.

- God is ready to _____ through authentic prayer.
Isaiah 40:28-31 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. 29 He gives strength to the weary, and to *him who* lacks might He increases power. 30 Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, 31 Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up *with* wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary.

Application:

- a) Tell God you are ready and willing to submit to His teaching on prayer and adjust your prayer and your life to what you learn.
- b) Make a list of some things you know that needs to change in your life as you take steps toward authentic prayer. Are you willing to let God help you make those changes in your life now?
- c) Are you weary or lacking strength or wisdom about a certain issue in your life? Do you want to gain strength and *mount up with wings like eagles*? What does waiting on God look like in your life?