

### Talk about it!

- If your phone rang at midnight, would you get out of bed to answer it? Would the caller ID on your phone be a determining factor on whether or not you answer? If a friend was calling, would you be tempted to let it ring and call them in the morning? Would you answer if they called a second time or third time?

Read Luke 11:5-10

### Dig In!

- Why did the man in the parable get the bread that he needed (v 8)?
- What's the difference between the friend (v 7-8) and our Heavenly Father?
- Since our Heavenly Father is not like our human friends, what does Jesus say we should do, and what can we be confident of (v 9-10)?
- "All three verbs in verse 9 (ask, seek, knock), describe a continuous action. Jesus is not just telling us how to come to God in the first place, but how to go to him again and again: "keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking."
- If God hears you, why is it important to pray persistently? Why does he want you to pray more than once for your needs?
- Do you consider yourself persistent in prayer? Do you keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking? Or do you ask for something once and move on? Explain.

Read Luke 11:11-13

### Dig In!

- How does Jesus show that it is illogical and unreasonable to doubt that God can and will answer our prayers (v 11-13)?
- What prayers can you look back on and be glad that God did not answer in the way you initially wanted? How did God answer the prayer better than you asked? Or how was it good that God refrained from giving you what you wanted?
- Our heavenly Father gives his children the Holy Spirit (v 13)! What can you ask God to do in your life through the Holy Spirit? (See Ephesians 1:17, 3:14-21)

### Taken Action!

- In light of this passage, how is God prompting you to change the way you pray?
- What are you asking God for? Do you feel like you are persistent in prayer? Or are you tempted to give up?
- Spend time praying for one another. Pray with an awareness that our Heavenly Father is approachable, gracious, generous, and ready to hear and answer our requests!

Impudence (8): persistence, boldness, shamelessness. "This, then, is how we should pray: not timidly dropping God hints about what we need, but boldly, even shamelessly presenting our petitions before God and then continuing to pray about them until we get an answer." - Philip Ryken



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