

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

Drawing Near: Experiencing God's presence through prayer



Opening Question

1. What adjectives would you use to describe your prayer life?
2. Share about a time where you experienced God answering your prayer.

Going Deeper

Read Luke 11:1-13

1. What are some things that stand out to you in this passage?
2. Eugene Peterson says that one of the most important things we can do as Christians is learn how to pray. Think about your own prayer life. Who are the people who taught you how to pray (by instruction or example)?
3. Have someone read verses 2-4 of our passage
 - a. What key emphases do you detect in this prayer?
 - b. Which of these emphases are most present in your prayer life?
 - c. Which are most absent?

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4. What do you make of Jesus describing God as a friend in verses 5-8? How does this fit with the way you view God?

5. A key emphasis in verses 5-10 is shameless persistence in prayer, where we deliberately place ourselves in a posture of need and dependence.
 - a. Can you think of times in your life where you have been in this place?

 - b. What prevents you from this kind of prayer?

6. An equally important emphasis in this passage is trusting that God is a good Father who is eager to open the door and respond to our prayers.
 - a. How have you experienced God's goodness through prayer?

 - b. Reflect together on what it means to get the gift of the Holy Spirit. How is this good news in our day to day lives?

7. As you reflect on this passage as a whole, how do you sense Christ calling you to respond?

Close in Prayer