

**Prayer**  
LifeGroup Lesson  
April 2, 2017  
Matthew 6:7-13

**OPENING PRAYER:**

Let us have clean hearts ready inside us for the Lord Jesus, so that he will be glad to come in, gratefully accepting the hospitality of those worlds, our hearts; he whose glory and power will endure throughout the ages.  
--- Origen (185-254)

**BREAKING THE ICE:**

- What did you agree/disagree with the LifeTalk this week?
- What is the most unique prayer you have ever heard?
- Do you have a memorized prayer that you use in tough times?

**WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:**

Read Luke 11:1-13.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- How do prayer and forgiveness relate in this prayer?
- What does the parable in v. 5-8 teach us about prayer?
- Where do you go to pray? What do you pray for most often?
- In praying, what do you find is your biggest challenge?
- In getting serious about your spiritual life, what is something you need to start doing?

Spend time in other scriptures on prayer: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24; Romans 8:26-27; 1 John 5:14-15; Mark 11:24-25

**CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:**

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?

**NEXT STEPS:**

- The Psalms are considered to be David's prayers and hymns to the Lord.
  - What is your favorite Psalm? And why?
  - Read through several Psalms throughout the week as your prayers.
- Write a prayer for each day of the week.
- Post prayers around your house in places where you can read and pray throughout your day.

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

Take away, O Lord, the veil of my heart while I read the Scriptures. Blessed are you, O Lord. O teach me your statutes; give me a word, O Word of the Father; touch my heart; enlighten the understandings of my heart; open my lips and fill them with your praise; be, O Lord, in my spirit and in my mouth; in my mouth that lawfully and worthily I may show forth your oracles by the sanctifying power of your thrice Holy Spirit.  
-Lancelot Andrews (1555-1626), Bishop of Winchester