

**Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?**

**Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).**

**If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.**

**We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.**

**Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?**

**Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.**

**LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY**  
**Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15**

**Main Thought:** Before we study the Lord's Prayer we can learn some important prayer lessons from the surrounding context.

1. AVOID \_\_\_\_\_ PRAYING. (Matt. 6:5-6)
2. AVOID \_\_\_\_\_ PRAYER PRACTICES. (Matt. 6:7-8)
3. PRAY \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 11:5-8)
4. PRAY \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 11:9-10)
5. REMEMBER TO \_\_\_\_\_ YOU ARE PRAYING. (Luke 11:11-13)
  - 1) God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 11:13)
  - 2) God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 11:13)
  - 3) God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 11:13)
  - 4) God is a \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 11:13)
  - 5) God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 18:30)
  - 6) God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 135:6)
  - 7) God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 19:21)
  - 8) God is a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 1:20)
  - 9) God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 147:1; 150:6)

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read Luke 11:1-13 and Matthew 6:5-15.

2. What is the nature of hypocritical praying that Jesus condemns in Matthew 6:5-6? How might we be guilty of that today when we pray? What is the remedy? Are we to avoid all public praying?

3. What pagan prayer practices are we to avoid according to Matthew 6:7-8? Why don't we need to keep on babbling in prayer like pagans?

4. What is the parable and the point of the parable Jesus tells in Luke 11:5-8?

5. What are we to learn about prayer from Luke 11:9-10?

6. What is the point Jesus makes about prayer in Luke 11:11-13? Why is it important to know to whom we are praying?

7. What difference does it make to know when you pray that God is...

1) your Heavenly Father

2) good

3) personal

4) a Trinity

5) perfect

6) powerful

7) a promise-keeper

8) praiseworthy

8. What one thing will you apply to your prayer life that you have learned in this study?