

**YOUR KINGDOM COME**  
**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN – LUKE 11:1-13**  
**SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – JANUARY 12**

This past weekend we began a three week series on prayer (& fasting). Each week we'll be looking at Luke 11:1-13, which includes "The Lord's Prayer." We'll be considering what it means that God is "Our Father" (week 1), that we are living in "His Kingdom" (week 2), and what it looks like to cultivate a consistent prayer life (week 3). **READ LUKE 11:1-13.**

1. Our passage begins with a request from Jesus's disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray." What people or experiences in your life have taught you the most about prayer?
2. Theologian John Frame writes, "To some, God is a benevolent grandfather figure, or grandmother; whose love excludes any kind of punishment or discipline. To some, God is a blessing dispenser; one who gives people everything they want as long as they pray with enough faith. To still others, God is a cosmic policeman, who sits ready to pounce on anyone who makes a moral mistake." If you're honest, what is the predominant image or images that in your mind when you think about God? How does this image shape how (and if) you pray?
3. Jesus's response to the request of his disciples begins and end with the image of God as our heavenly Father (vv. 2 & 13). What do we learn about the character of God the Father in this passage? What else did you learn about our relationship to the Father from Pastor Curtis?
4. Pastor Curtis walked us through some of the resources we have in our heavenly Father. Which of these resources most resonates with you?
5. C.S. Lewis once wrote that "we must learn to lay before [God] what *is* in us, not what *ought* to be in us." How are you experiencing disappointment, discouragement, or disbelief?

**PRAY**

We are invited to come to the Father as we are, so pray what is on your mind and heart.

If you would like to more direction, consider the following prompts highlighted in the *Prayer & Fasting* handout from this weekend:

- An awakening of personal hunger for God (Psalm 41:1-2).
- A sin or stronghold in your life that you want God to break (Ephesians 4:7-24).
- An area where you need God's direction (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- A greater sense of God's love and presence (Psalm 46:1; Ephesians 3:17-19).