

Lesson 10 — LORD TEACH US TO PRAY — Luke 11:1-4

1. Read Luke 11:1-4. (a) What elements of prayer do you find in this passage? (b) Do your own prayers include these elements? (c) Do you think we should include these elements in our prayers? Why or why not? (d) What do you notice about your prayers that are different from this one?
2. (a) Why is this prayer a good model for our praying? (b) How would you outline this prayer?
3. Compare and contrast the Luke passage to Matthew's account of this prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. (a) What are the similarities between these two prayers, as well as the incidents surrounding them? (Read a little before and after the prayer.) (b) What are the differences?
4. Following this lesson in prayer, our Lord gives two parables about praying (see verses 5-13. Why would these parables follow Christ's teaching on prayer?
5. (a) According to this prayer, whom should we forgive? (b) Why should we forgive according to Psalm 66:18 and Mark 11:25-26? (c) How many times are we to forgive according to Matthew 18:21, 22? (d) If we refuse to forgive, what will be the result according to Matthew 18:22-35 and 2 Corinthians 2:7? (e) Is there anyone that you are harboring resentment against this day? (f) What will you do about it after contemplating these passages?
6. Jesus says we are to pray, "do not lead us into temptation." (a) What do you think this means? (b) How does this compare to what James says in 1:13-14? (c) How do you reconcile these two verses?
7. What element(s) from this prayer do you lack in your prayer life? Put your need in the form of a prayer request.