

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, May 16-17, 2020

SERIES: LIVING IN THE PARENTHESIS: *Steps to a Joyful and Meaningful Life*

SERMON: Learn to Pray

Luke 11:1-13 NIV

[1] One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

[2] He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

[3] Give us each day our daily bread.

[4] Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.””

[5] Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;

[6] a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’

[7] And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’

[8] I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

[9] “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

[10] For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

[11] “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

[12] Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

[13] If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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We need to pray . . .

1. To _____ God.

- *As it is the business of tailors to make clothes and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray. Martin Luther*
- **Luke 18:1** *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*
- **Colossians 4:2** *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** *pray continually.*

2. To _____ God's way.

- **Isaiah 55:8** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.*
- concerning _____ and _____.
- We have _____ in times of trouble when we have spent time in the presence of God.

3. To _____ with God.

4. To _____ like God.

- **Luke 5:16** *But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.*
- We will not be like Jesus _____ prayer

5. To _____ into the _____ of God.

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Our Re-gathering

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24, we will begin re-gathering for worship at FBC Covington. Like you, I am extremely excited to meet together again with the family of God.

Our church pastoral team has been preparing for weeks for this day. We are ready for you, and we are anxious to begin the process of bringing the church back together for ministry and worship.

Being ready means we have evaluated almost everything we do to make sure it is both effective and safe. I think you will be pleased with the cleanliness that you see and the cleanliness that you can't see.

One of the things that we will do is sanitize after each service. That will necessitate moving the 9:30AM Sunday service to 9:00AM. This time change will probably last until we are able to have connect groups and children's classes on campus.

Here are three things you need to know:

1. *We really want you to come*, but we really want you to assess your situation and make a good decision about attending. I encourage you to pray about this decision.

We will continue live streaming on Wednesdays and on the weekends. It will be the same quality experience that you have had over these past two months. Please continue to watch and please continue to invite other people to watch.

2. *Memorial Day weekend is only the beginning of the process of re-gathering the church.* We fully anticipate beginning small and growing large.

We will continue to do what we have always done. We will preach, pray, minister, and witness of our faith. Many people will know Christ through this time.

3. *Our way of doing ministry will change* - it has to - but our hope, faith, and love will not change.

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