Sermon: Becoming a Praying People Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

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OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Talk through how this passage shows God to be our Father (Abba – Dad). How should this truth impact the way we pray?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

- a) Think about your own prayer life. How often do you talk to God? What do you pray about? Have you been encouraged in prayer or discouraged?
- b) Pastor Mark said we should pray with a) reverence and intimacy, b) dependence and humility, and c) persistence and faith. Which of these challenges you the most? How might you change how you pray in order to pray more in line with this passage?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Think about Jesus' prayers on the cross:
 - My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
 - Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

How do these two prayers show us the gospel of Christ? Why do we never need to pray "my God why have you forsaken me?"

APPLICATION

a) What can your group do to be more persistent in prayer?

FIGHTER VERSES: 1 John 1:3-7.

PRAYER

Use the Lord's prayer to guide you in your prayer time.

- Praise God for his holiness and fatherliness.
- Pray for Christ's kingdom to be on display in your home, church, community, nation.
- Pray for Christ's return to establish his kingdom of peace on earth.
- Confess sin.
- Humbly ask God to deliver you from temptations.