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The Gospel of Luke

Week 10 Discussion Questions

Week of 10/30/22

Text: Luke 11:1-13 (Boulder and Thornton), 37-54 (Erie)

Boulder and Thornton Questions: Luke 11:1-13

Icebreaker: Who taught you how to pray or set an example with prayer that you'd like to follow?

1. Luke's version of "The Lord's Prayer" varies slightly from the longer version in Matthew 6, but they are more similar than different. What main elements do you see in Jesus's prayer?

Application: What differences and/or similarities do you notice if you compare Jesus's prayer with your own?

2. Verse 1 helps us see that prayer is an essential part of being a disciple. John taught his disciples to pray and here Jesus is teaching about it as well. Why do you think prayer is so important for a disciple?

Application: How would you describe your prayer life and who taught you how to pray?

3. Jesus's illustration in verses 5-8 reflects a culture where it was shameful to be inhospitable. This drives the "friend" to do something shameless. What does this kind of desperation have to do with prayer?

Application: Think of a desperate time from your own experience. Did it drive you to pray any differently than normal? What happened?

4. Jesus commands us to "ask," "seek," and "knock" with the assurance of a response. What do these words imply about the character of God?

Application: God knows what we need before we ask (Matthew 6:8), so why do you think Jesus wants us to pray anyways?

5. Jesus emphasizes God's generosity and goodness with the comparisons of verses 11-13. How do people's beliefs about God's character influence the way they pray?

Application: What are one or two examples of how God has been generous to you in response to your prayers?

Erie Questions: Luke 11:37-54

Icebreaker: Are you a rule-follower or a rule-breaker? Explain!

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2. The Pharisees were rule-creators, rule-followers, and rule-enforcers. According to what's going on in this passage, what's the danger of religious rules?

Application: Our background and personalities can influence us in this area, but why do you think setting up and following religious rules can appeal to us?

3. The lawyers were part of the same system of religious corruption as the Pharisees. How does Jesus's impression of them compare with what's implied about their own view of themselves?

Application: How does this happen? How can people become so out-of-step with God's perspective? Have you seen something like this occur in our day?

4. Verses 53-54 express the growing hostility of these religious authorities toward Jesus. What does Jesus's approach in this passage and their response to him tell us about these leaders' receptivity to correction?

Application: This is tough stuff! Why do you think Jesus is so harsh with these leaders in comparison to how gentle he is with others?