

Sermon Discussion Questions: August 31, 2025

Sermon Series: Kingdom Stories

Passage: Luke 11:1-13

1. What do you imagine God to be like, especially to you? How do you experience him?
2. Share an answer to prayer you've experienced recently.
3. The central concern of prayer is for God's will to be done (Matthew 6:10). How often is the focus of God's will on your mind when you are praying?
4. In Jesus' parable, Jesus commended the persistence of the man asking his neighbor for bread. He wouldn't take "no" for an answer! What drove this man to make such a determined effort? How does this correspond to (a) how you pray, and (b) what you are praying for?
5. Note the emphatic definiteness of Jesus' promise: "you shall receive and find; it shall be opened." How can this encourage you in prayer? How do you feel when you've "asked," "sought," and "knocked" but haven't seen (or felt) that God has responded?
6. Jesus says that the answer to our deepest prayers is the Father giving the Holy Spirit to those that ask him (v. 13). And that the Spirit will take our persistent prayers and change our desires to seek God's will. What do you think about trying this experiment:
 - Begin praying for your deepest desires.
 - Persist in these prayers (asking, seeking, knocking).
 - See what happens to your asking.