

Pray like Jesus

Part 1, Luke 11:1-10

1. What stood out for you in Sunday's message?
2. What would you like your prayer life to be like?
3. Are you happy with where your prayer life is at?
4. Read Luke 11:1-10
"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place" What do you think that meant for Jesus? What do you think that meant for the disciples?
5. When Jewish men prayed, they almost always prayed words from the Torah. Because what words could possibly be acceptable to a holy God, other than God's own words? In view of this, what ways did Jesus revolutionise prayer?
6. The prayer Jesus teaches them is extremely brief (Matthew's version is a little longer, Matthew 6:9-13), and almost completely devoid of bible language. What is Jesus saying about good prayer?
7. What is Jesus saying about prayer in the parable verses 5-8?
8. What is Jesus saying to you in verses 9-10
9. In the light of this study
 - What might be one activity that you need to change?
 - What might be one priority that you need to change?
 - What might be one attitude that you need to change?

Start where Jesus tells you to start, Jesus said, when you pray, say: "Father", which is not beginning with the Father you have but with the father you need. Don't ever let the imperfections of the father you have, rob you of the wonder of the father you need. Because when we cry out in prayer "Father", we are seeking our heavenly father, the Father who always has time for us, the father who always understands, the father who always protects, always shelters, always seeks the best for us and unconditionally loves and accepts us. When we pray reaching out to that kind of Father we are opening a spiritual doorway because the biblical principle is that what you seek you find (Luke 11:9), like attracts like. I have found that as I seek my heavenly father, that as I locate in my Spirit all my yearnings for a relationship with my loving heavenly father, it's like a homing beacon that helps me find my way to the heart of God. So when you pray, say: "Father".