

Heavenly Dad (Luke 11:1-11)

Your heavenly Dad wants to hear from you.

Warmup: When is the first time you remember praying? Do you remember someone leading you in prayer as a child?

READ Luke 1:1-11

- The disciples already know how to pray. In your opinion what prompts them to ask Jesus to teach them to pray?
- In Luke's account of the Lord's prayer, Jesus tells a story of two friends. What does Jesus want the disciples to know about prayer? About God's character?
- What is God saying to you in this passage?

REFLECT

- In your practice of prayer, what doubts have surfaced? How do you keep trusting Jesus in the process of what seems like unanswered prayer?
- "The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God," (William McGill). How does persistent prayer initiate transformation? With the person next to you, share a time when persevering in prayer broadened or changed your perspective.
- How does what Jesus is teaching you in these verses line up with your life?

RESPOND

- How does the story Jesus tells the disciples intersect with your prayer life? Share your thoughts with "one" person in your group.
- Read I Thessalonians 5:16-17 and Psalm 17:6-8. Based on Scripture and your belief in Jesus, what
 is the significance of inviting others into prayer, or praying with someone who is unfamiliar with
 prayer?
- How is the Spirit leading you to respond this week?