

Keep Knocking!

Luke 11:5-13

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Family Matters

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

Regardless of your age, culture, education & background: we all need family. The reality is that in Jesus, our personal actions, steps of faith & prayers don't only affect us but also have a ripple effect with our brothers and sisters. This gives a whole new understanding of what it truly means to be "our brother's keeper". As we look at Family Matters today, we will be emphasizing what it means to be a family that prays. May today's message empower you to "Keep Knocking".

REALIZE

1. Stand your ground

- **Scripture Reference:** Ephesians 6:10-13
- **Leader Notes**
 - This kind of persistence would be a shameless act that would wake the whole household.
 - Standing your ground only works if your foundation is firm. If we stand on things other than God we are standing on sinking sand.
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Where is God calling you to steadfastly trust Him in this season?

2. Ask, Seek, Knock

- **Scripture Reference:** Isaiah 55:8-9; Matthew 6:33
- **Leader Notes**
 - We have to listen, learn from, and obey God.
 - Part of prayer is embracing the journey as our prayers transform us into the image of Jesus.
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - When was the last time you spent time listening to the Lord in prayer?
 - Share a time where God's 'no' to your prayer was actually a blessing that you were able to see in hindsight.

3. Trust the Father

- **Scripture Reference:** Luke 12:28
- **Leader Notes**
 - We can get disappointed if God answers our prayers differently than we expect.
 - Trusting God means trusting that He knows what's best for us, and for the people around us.

- **Questions for reflection**

- Is there any area in your heart where disappointment has prevented you from praying?
- What does “Keep Knocking” in prayer mean to you in this season?