

# Taught Prayer

## Luke 11:1-3

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Into the Deep

### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

There is only one place in the Gospels that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them something. They asked Him to teach them how to pray. I am so happy that they asked this question. Why? Because Jesus answered it and taught the disciples how to pray. We have so much we can learn about prayer from Jesus' profound response.

## REALIZE

### 1. Pattern of Prayer

- **Scripture Reference;** Matthew 6:5-8
- **Leader Notes**
  - Prayer is a decision to explore new things everyday in your relationship with God
  - The only thing that is recorded in the Bible that the disciples asked Jesus to teach them was about prayer, they knew Jesus was a man of prayer and they wanted to pray like Him
  - This pattern of prayer puts God first and at the center, but then also brings all aspects of life, even the trivial parts, to Him as well
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What is my plan to grow in my prayer life?

### 2. Persistence in Prayer

- **Scripture Reference;** Colossians 4:2
- **Leader Notes**
  - God is interested in the person we become when we pursue Him, not just the thing we are praying for
  - Sometimes God chooses to delay because He is working on a bigger plan
  - We need to come to God and keep on coming to Him, as we continue coming to Him, He will answer our prayers, it's not a one time thing
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Where am I struggling to pray with vigilance?

### 3. Principle of Prayer

- **Scripture Reference;** Luke 12:32
- **Leader Notes**

- Prayer is a lifestyle, it is not something that is always efficient, but it is essential
- **Questions for reflection**
  - Where should I be pressing in with Jesus?

#### **Optional Follow-up Questions:**

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?