For starters... Should you pray to God for a carpark space when you need one? Why or why not?

## Reading to Understand – Luke 11:1-13

1. What was something that stood out to you as you read the passage?



2. What question(s) came to mind as you read this passage?



3. What is the main point(s) of the passage?

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4. How does this passage point to, or speak about, Jesus?



Going Deeper...

5. What is the basic posture of prayer as taught by Jesus in vv. 2-4 (what we know as - The Lord's Prayer)?

6. In vv. 5-8 Jesus tells a parable about a friend in need asking for bread to teach the principle he outlines in vv. 9-10.

- How seriously do you take Jesus promise of "ask and it will be given to you"?
- Is Jesus' promise in v. 9 a "blank cheque"? Why or why not?

## 7. Read James 4:1-3

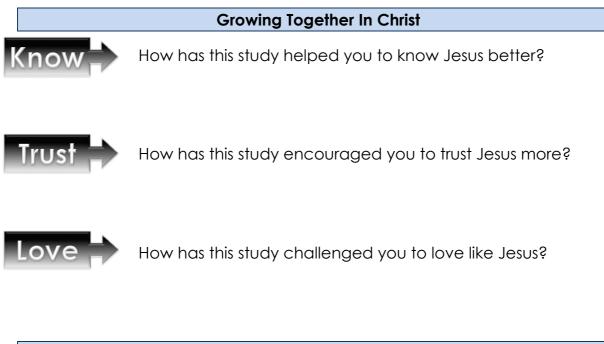
 How does James help us understand Jesus promise of "ask and it will be given to you"? • Which error do you tend to drift to with your prayer life and why – The "you do not have because you do not ask" or the "you ask with wrong motives"?

8. Why is praying "your kingdom come your will be done" not a weak prayer but a humble prayer of faith?

9. Why is praying "give us each day our daily bread" not a selfish prayer but a bold prayer of faith?

10. How is prayer a means of grace for me and you? **Note** – The "means of grace" are those ordinary ways that God has ordained for our souls to be nourished by the gospel of grace.

**Hint** – You may think about in terms of the 2 things that result from a healthy prayer life – What do I give up and what do I gain?



## Meditation on the Word and Prayer

Lord God, I praise you because...

God of grace, forgive me for...

God of faithfulness, thank you for...

Loving Father, please help me...