



WEEK 3: TALK WITH YOUR FATHER

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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MAIN POINT

The first recorded words of Jesus are Him referring to spending time with His Father (Luke 2:49). His last dying words were committing His spirit to the Father (Luke 23:46). In between those two statements, we see Jesus enjoying and relying on the Father (John 15:9). When Jesus teaches us to pray, He reminds us that we have a perfect Heavenly Father who longs to give good gifts to His children. Viewing Him as your Father changes how you pray.

LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

Describe a time when you got backstage or special access to a concert, event, project, organization, or red carpet?

LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

Read Luke 11:5-13

5 He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, 6 because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I don't have anything to offer him.' 7 Then he will answer from inside and say, 'Don't bother me! The door is already locked, and my children and I have gone to bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he won't get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his friend's shameless boldness, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

What are some attributes of God that stand out in the passage?

What does it tell you about our access we have to God when we pray?

LOOK OUT
IDENTIFY THE
RELEVANCE OF GOD'S
WORD IN THE WORLD

What assumptions do people have about how God answers prayers?

How can you take advantage of the access you have to God?

In Eric's message, he stated that, "Jesus endured the pain of the punishment of God the Father so there would only be grace for you. Jesus was condemned so you would only be accepted." Where do you need the grace of your Father?