

Luke 11: 1-28

Audacious Persistence



Choose one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 11:1–28

1. If someone asked you to teach them to pray, what would you do?
2. Survey the statements in the prayer that Jesus teaches. Put each line in your own words. Are these prayers about the present or the future?
3. Why does Jesus need to tell a story about shameless audacity? What might that say about the way we typically engage in prayer?
4. What can motivate perseverance in prayer?
5. Why would some people want to attribute Jesus' power to the prince of demons? Why does Jesus think such an accusation makes no sense?
6. What do you think motivated the woman in 11:27? What is Jesus getting at in his reply in 11:28?

The Scriptures – Luke 11:1–28 as a portion of the Scriptures

7. How does Psalm 145 contain similar ideas to the Lord's prayer?
8. What might have made the ancient kingdom of Israel an attractive place to live?
9. What do you notice about Luke's emphases when you read Luke 11:2–4 alongside Matthew 6:9–13?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 11:1–28 as a portion of the Scriptures

10. What request in the prayer that Jesus taught is important in your life right now? Why?
11. What's your most audaciously shameless and persistent experience of prayer?
12. What do you need to believe about the Father, Son and Spirit if you are going to pray?
13. What is the content and frequency of prayer in your life? What does that reveal about your understanding of God the Father? God the Son? God the Holy Spirit?
14. Do you hold beliefs about Jesus that make no sense?
15. What encourages you to keep on hearing and obeying the word of God?