

## NOTES FOR CONNECT GROUPS

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2017

### APPROACHING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

On Sunday we looked at Luke 11: 5-13. Jesus is teaching His disciples to pray and he gives several illustrations and applications that showed us the goodness of Father God and His desire to answer our prayers. The conclusion being that God answers all of our prayers because He has availed His Holy Spirit for anyone who asks. Please consider these questions

1. How do we know when (if at all) to stop persisting in prayer when God doesn't answer?
2. Read Luke 11: <sup>9</sup> "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. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
  - Does this mean that we have a right to everything we ask for?
  - What can we say to someone whose requests have not been answered?
3. How would you answer a critic who brought up cases of horrible suffering as evidence that God is not good? Why is it crucial to affirm God's goodness even when we suffer?
4. Why does God delay to answer prayers that seemingly would be for His glory to answer now?
5. Is it a cop-out to pray, "If your will be done?" Can we know God's will for a specific situation in advance?
6. Ask the Father to send His Holy Spirit upon you.