Bible Reading

Luke 11: 1 - 13 (p. 1042)

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Prayer is a stranger in the Western world





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but... 'shall we pray'!

Why?

Why?

to make you interested

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- to make you interested
- to encourage you to pray

Why?

- to make you interested
- to encourage you to pray
- because prayer is for everyone

'One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."'

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1. Who is this disciple of Jesus?

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Learners of Jesus want to pray

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An important sign

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'Prayer is to speak to God and let God speak to you'

Learners of Jesus want to pray better

'Lord teach us to pray'.

4. Learners of Jesus want to pray together

'Lord teach us to pray'.

5. Jesus is our best teacher about prayer

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Rules?

Not rules but relationship

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- Praising God
- Giving thanks for bread and fish
- Seeking God about important decisions – like calling 12 disciples to be especially close to him
- Agonising over God's will for him
- Praying for all who were, and will be, his disciples
- Asking God's forgiveness for those who were putting him to death
- Committing himself to God at the moment of his death

A prayer for all of us

O God, please help me to be a learner of Jesus!