



# STOP, LUKE & LISTEN

HEARING JESUS AFRESH IN A NEW YEAR

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**How much more!**

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## **Luke 11:1-13**

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.”

**2** Jesus told them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom. **3** Give us the bread we need for today.

**4** Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us. And don’t lead us into temptation.”

**5** Then Jesus said to them, “Imagine that one of you has a friend, and you go to that friend in the middle of the night.

Imagine saying, ‘Friend, loan me three loaves of bread **6**

because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.’ **7** Imagine further that he

answers from within the house, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t

get up to give you anything.’ **8** I assure you, even if he wouldn’t get up and help because of his friendship, he will

get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his brashness.

**9** So I say to you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. **10** For

everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.”

**11** “Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? **12** If a child asked for

an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? **13** If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

## **Message Notes:**

### **In prayer,**

- God listens to what we \_\_\_\_\_ and what we \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ matters more than the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. In our desire to be a listening church, what do you notice about Jesus’ listening in his response to his disciple’s question (vs 1)?
2. In the two examples Jesus gives of prayer in vs. 5-13, what do you notice about the friend’s listening as opposed to the parent’s listening?
3. In Luke/Acts, the Holy Spirit is a major character— from the beginning of Luke, overshadowing Mary and enabling her to conceive Jesus, all the way to the end of the book, as the Holy Spirit is promised to be poured out, clothing the disciples “with power” as they share the good news as witnesses. What good gifts have you asked God for recently? How might the gift of the Holy Spirit filling your life be part of God’s answer to you?
4. How might perceiving God as a good parent help grow your trust and your conversations with God as you pray?