

Home Group Study Questions

Series on Evangelism # 5

Prayer that is Persistent and Bold

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Getting Started:



1. Would you describe yourself as persistent and bold in life situations? Some may want to share experiences.

2. How about the way we pray? Consider the following statement: 'God delights in answering the prayer of the person who comes to him with persistence and boldness.'



Into the Bible: Read Luke 11:1-13

3. As you read notice the structure of this passage: verse 1 is a question from a disciple because Jesus was modeling prayer before them; verse 2-4 is what to say in prayer; v 5-8 is a story with a teaching point and v 9-13 is the application for the disciples.

How important was it for the disciples to see Jesus modeling prayer?

4. Discuss the story Jesus told. Try to picture the family in bed awoken by the neighbor at midnight. What was the point of Jesus' story?

5. Look at Jesus' application. Re-consider the statement in Q2. Why do you think God likes us to be bold in our asking?

6. God wants to and is capable of giving the very best gifts. Does he force these on us? Discuss the importance of asking.

Read Acts 3:1-12; 4:8-13; 4:29-31



7. In this fantastic passage we see the importance of boldness and the role of the Holy Spirit in evangelism. Discuss. Note the change in Peter from his denial of Christ 2 months earlier.

Digging Deeper:

8. What would it take to be bolder in prayer? Discuss and encourage one another in this very important ministry. Could prayer change the circumstances of the people around you?

Practical challenge for the week:

9. Consider these:

- Ask God to teach you to pray
- Ask for boldness in prayer and pray bolder!
- Ask God to empower you with his Spirit
- Continue to pray and look for opportunities to talk about Jesus to others.