SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

Luke

Chapter 11

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

MEMORY VERSE · LUKE 11:9

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in Luke 11

The disciples watched Jesus pray and asked Him to teach them. This week He teaches you too — to call God "Father," to keep asking when the answer is slow, and to let the Stronger One fill every room of your life, inside as well as out.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the Luke study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

Teach Us to Pray

READ · LUKE 11:1–4

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What was Jesus doing when the disciple asked his question, and what five things does Jesus tell them to ask for (11:1–4)?

REFLECT

The prayer begins "Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come" (11:2) before it asks for anything for us. What usually comes first when you pray, and what would change if God's name and kingdom came first?

REFLECT

Jesus ties our forgiveness to forgiving "everyone who is indebted to us" (11:4). Who owes you something — an apology, money, years — that you are still holding against him?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray the prayer of 11:2–4 slowly, one line at a time, and after each line add one sentence in your own words.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (LUKE 11:9)

DAY 2 OF 5

Keep Knocking

READ · LUKE 11:5–13

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Why does the man in bed finally get up, and what three things does Jesus tell us to do in verse 9 (11:8–9)?

REFLECT

The friend kept knocking at midnight for a guest he could not feed (11:5–8). What need — yours or someone else's — have you stopped bringing to God, and why did you quit?

REFLECT

Jesus says even fathers who are evil give their sons fish, not snakes (11:11–13). How has your own father, good or bad, shaped the way you expect God to treat you?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask your heavenly Father today for His Holy Spirit (11:13), by name, and write down one area of your life where you need Him.

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DAY 3 OF 5

The Stronger Man

READ · LUKE 11:14–28

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did the crowd say about where Jesus' power came from, and what happens to the house that is swept clean but left empty (11:15, 24–26)?

REFLECT

Jesus is the one "stronger than he" who overpowers the strong man (11:21–22). Where in your life does the enemy still feel strong, and what would it mean to trust that Jesus is stronger there?

REFLECT

A house can be "swept and put in order" and still end up worse (11:25–26). What have you cleaned out of your life that you have not yet invited Christ to fill?

RESPOND — TODAY

Name one habit or hurt you have put out of your life, and in prayer ask Jesus to move into that empty room today.

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DAY 4 OF 5

Something Greater Is Here

READ · LUKE 11:29–36

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What sign does Jesus say this generation will get, and who does He say will rise up at the judgment to condemn it (11:29–32)?

REFLECT

The crowd wanted a sign, but "something greater than Jonah is here" (11:32). What proof have you been waiting for before you fully trust Jesus?

REFLECT

Jesus warns, "watch out that the light in you is not darkness" (11:35). What are you looking at, listening to or chasing that is clouding your eye?

RESPOND — TODAY

Turn off or put away one thing today that dims your eye, and spend that time reading one Gospel chapter about Jesus.

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DAY 5 OF 5

Clean on the Inside

READ · LUKE 11:37–54

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What surprised the Pharisee at lunch, and what does Jesus say about the outside and the inside of the cup (11:38–40)?

REFLECT

Jesus said the Pharisees were clean outside and "full of robbery and wickedness" inside (11:39). Where are you careful about how you look, but careless about what is going on in your heart?

REFLECT

The lawyers loaded men with heavy burdens and would not lift a finger to help (11:46). Whose load could you help carry this week instead of adding to it?

RESPOND — TODAY

Ask Jesus, who made the inside too (11:40), to show you one hidden thing to confess, and then do one practical thing to lighten another man's load.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray after watching Him pray (11:1). What would it look like for our group to pray together the way He taught, and who could join us?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Jesus says, “He who is not with Me is against Me” (11:23). Where do men like us try to stay neutral about Jesus, and why is that not possible?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

Jesus calls blessed “those who hear the word of God and observe it” (11:28). What is one word from this chapter each of us heard this week, and how did we try to live it out?

MY PRAYER

Father, hallowed be Your name; I come to You like a friend knocking at midnight, and I am asking You to…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · LUKE 11:9

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