



“A LESSON on PRAYER”
From Cursing a Fig Tree
MARK 11:12-14...19-25

- *Monday and Tuesday of the Passion Week*
- **Why Curse a Fig Tree?** vs. 12-14
 - *Jesus was _____?*
 - *To Set Up a Lesson on _____*

Prayer Requires...

1. **A DESIRE** for _____ vs. 23; MATTHEW 15:22; MATTHEW 8:5-7; JOHN 16:24

Prayer Requires...

2. _____ **in GOD** vs. 22-24; MATTHEW 28:18; JOHN 14:14
- *A _____ of Faith* MATTHEW 17:20
 - *A _____ Faith* MARK 9:23, 24
 - *A _____ Faith* MATTHEW 15:23-28; MATTHEW 8:8-13
 - THE CANAANITE WOMAN – _____ *in Asking*
 - THE ROMAN CENTURION – *Respects* _____

Prayer Requires...

3. _____ **with PEOPLE** vs. 25; MATTHEW 6:14, 15; MATTHEW 22:37-39
- *Harmony with* _____ MATTHEW 5:23, 24
 - *Harmony with* _____ / _____ 1 PETER 3:7

*As Jesus heads toward the Cross, he curses a fig tree to equip his disciples with a _____
greater than themselves.*

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. **Ice Breaker:** (Everyone) Have you discovered anything enjoyable to do during this CV19 quarantine? Explain.
2. What is one thing you enjoyed about this week’s sermon?
3. Is prayer a **religious** activity to God or a **relational** activity with God? Explain.
4. Mostly we pray asking God to improve our circumstances. But how can prayer help change us to better handle our circumstances?
5. Why do you think God requires harmony with people to be a requirement for prayer?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

- **Read Matthew 6:5-15. Let’s go through each verse and see what Jesus is teaching about prayer.**
 - *Verse 5* – What are we not to do? Why?
 - *Verse 6* – What is the first thing we are to do? Why?
 - *Verses 7, 8* – What are we not to do? Why?
 - *Verse 9* – How is prayer a form of worship?
 - *Verse 10* – How is prayer helpful in our obedience?
 - *Verse 11* – How does prayer remind us God is our provider?
 - *Verse 12* – How does prayer help us in our relationships?
 - *Verse 13* – How does prayer remind us of life’s perils?
 - *Verses 14, 15* – What temptation are we praying deliverance from?
- **Read Luke 11:5-13. This chapter is Luke’s version of the Lord’s Prayer. But Luke follows it with a story to illustrate characteristics by which we ought to pray. What characteristics is Jesus emphasizing here about prayer?**
- **Read Luke 18:1-8. What characteristic does this story illustrate we need to have when we pray?**
- **Read Ephesians 6:10-20. This passage describes the armor of God for fighting spiritual battles. After putting on all the armor (*vss. 10-16*), what is the one weapon (*vs 17*) and what is the activity of warfare (*vss. 18-20*)? How can we pray the word of God?**

LIVING OUT

- **What is the one thing you can do to enhance your prayer life?**