

# SUMMER STORIES

## The Parables of Jesus



## Summer Stories: The Parables of Jesus | The Friend at Midnight

Jesus wanted people to experience God in their everyday world and He accomplished this by teaching in parables. A parable is theology through story. It's a spiritual truth about God and His kingdom expressed through the lens of normal, everyday things like parties, pearls, and planting seeds. The Kingdom of God isn't confined to a church building, it's active where we live, work, and play. It is who we are as Jesus' people.

Jesus gave us a model prayer in Luke 11:1-4, and a story about being intentional and fervent in prayer in Luke 11:5-13. Our good Father will give us the Holy Spirit and we should persist in prayer. Let us pray hard and press into prayer for his Kingdom and will.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What obstacles get in the way of consistent, persistent, shameless prayer?
2. What are a couple of strategies that can help you commit to the kind of prayer Jesus told us about in the parable?
3. Jesus gave us a model prayer in Luke 11:1-4, what are some ways you can pray like that model?
4. What do you need today? How can you pray to join in the Kingdom of God? Where is the Holy Spirit leading you for prayer and practice?