

June 15th, 2014

GOING DEEPER
TEACH US TO PRAY
“BOTHERED OR HONOURED”

Luke 11:5-13

5. Then he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,
6. because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.’
7. “Then the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’
8. I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man’s boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.
9. “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.
10. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.
11. “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?
12. Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?
13. If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

1. Using a Bible concordance try to identify places in Scripture where God is identified as someone's friend or a person is regarded as a friend of God. Can you think of hymns or songs that refer to this friendship factor? What does a hymn like "What A Friend We have In Jesus" teach us about prayer?

2. In vs. 13 of our text this morning why should we regard the Holy Spirit and the benefits He brings us as one of our heavenly Father's best gifts?

3. Meditate deeply on the idea that we honour God with our prayer requests. How has this morning's sermon changed your perspective on ;prayer.
