

## **FUSION Q's... Pray Like Jesus 4 – Teach Us to Pray**

### ***Discussion Questions (30 – 40 minutes)***

Q1. Two weeks ago we talked about the importance of getting alone with God. How's it going? Have you been spending more time with God than before? Why or why not?

Q2. Has your view of prayer changed since we started talking about prayer? If so, explain how. If not, why not?

Q3. Prayer is one of the best indicators of whether or not we are seeking God in our lives. When we want God in our lives, we find ourselves praying a lot more. Based on this, would say you are seeking God in your life? Explain why or why not?

### ***Read Luke 11:5-13***

Q4. When you pray, do usually find that you are trying to explain things to God (like what you need or want) as if he does not know?

Q5. If God knows what you need and gives good gifts, why do you think he sometimes answers our prayers by saying "no"?

Q6. Have you ever asked God to give you the Holy Spirit? What do you think this means and why is it important?

## **Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion**

### **Matthew 5:43-47 (The Message)**

5-6 Then he said, "Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don't have a thing on hand.'

7 "The friend answers from his bed, 'Don't bother me. The door's locked; my children are all down for the night; I can't get up to give you anything.'

8 "But let me tell you, even if he won't get up because he's a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he'll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

9 "Here's what I'm saying:

Ask and you'll get;

Seek and you'll find;

Knock and the door will open.

10-13 "Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a spider? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing—you're at least decent to your own children. And don't you think the Father who conceived you in love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask him?"