

Growth Group Questions – September 12, 2021

The Greatest Story Ever Told

Luke 11:5-13

1. What was the Big Idea of the message this week?
2. What has been your experience with prayer?
Easy, Difficult, Confusing? Why?
3. Have you ever prayed for something specifically and it happened? What was that?
4. What was encouraging about the message?
5. How can we pray for you?



HOW GOD TALKS TO YOU? The Greatest Story Ever Told

Luke 11:5-13

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"God does speak -- sometimes one way and sometimes another -- even though people may not understand it." Job 33:14 (NCV)

HOW DOES GOD TALK TO US? Luke 11:5-13 (NIV)

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

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; the one who seeks finds; and to the one 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!"

HOW DOES GOD TALK TO US?

1. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH _____.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16,17 (NLT)

2. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH _____.

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

3. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH _____.

"Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways." Proverbs 20:30 (GNT)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

4. GOD SPEAKS THROUGH _____.

"After consulting the people, **Jehoshaphat appointed men** to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."

2 Chronicles 20:21

MY DAILY PRAYER PLAN...

_____ - Psalm 103: 1-5

Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. ² Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

_____ - Psalm 46:10

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

_____ - Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

_____ - Psalm 119

_____ - Psalm 119

_____ - Psalm 1

_____ - Colossians 4:2-3

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.

_____ - James 4:2-3

² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³ When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

_____ - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

¹⁷ pray continually,

_____ - Psalm 146

_____ - Psalm 145