

Bible chat week starting 24 7 22

Read Psalm 85.

- Share what we might learn about prayer through the Psalm.

Read Luke 11: 1 - 4.

- Discuss what the Lord's prayer means to you. When did you learn it? Which version do you pray?
- Luke's version is more terse, and feels almost like headings for prayer rather than a formal set prayer. Is it possible that the Lord's Prayer was never intended to be a set of words to learn by rote, and was always an invitation to explore prayer within certain topics?
- Which bits of the prayer are easiest for you to pray, and which are hardest?
- Exercise: Rewrite the Lord's Prayer in your own words.

Read Luke 11: 5 - 8.

- Many parables are only intended to make one point. Unlike an allegory, they do not explore many aspects of a situation, but focus on only one. What is this parable teaching, and what is it not teaching?

Read Luke 11: 9 - 13

- How will God respond to our prayer? What will he 'give' to us in response?

Share any other insights you find from these verses in Luke.

- David said that we should not talk about prayer being answered. What point was he making, and to what extent do you agree?
- Share what helps you to pray well and what hinders.
- What is the point of praying?
- If Hearsall is called to become a more prayerful church, what would help us achieve that?
- How will you change your life in response to this discussion?