

February 15, 2026

Luke: The Gospel for All

Luke 6:12-16

The Necessity of Prayer

Is prayer a necessity in your life?

1. The place of prayer.

2. The person of prayer.

3. The purposes of prayer.

3. The product of prayer.

Sermons

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Scripture Memory Verse

“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”
Matthew 6:6



LifeGroups are the lifeblood of our church. If you aren't a member of a LifeGroup, contact us so we can connect you with a group.

These questions provide a framework for individual or family study and for discussions in LifeGroup. LifeGroups meet at 9:45 AM on Sundays.

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1. Prayer matters, but we don't always get what we pray for. Share about a time when the Lord did not give you what you prayed for. Did you ever learn why? How did it impact your faith?

2. Jesus prayed before he chose his twelve disciples, and yet one of them betrayed him. How can passages like this and verses like Romans 8:28 give you confidence to continue to trust the Lord when you don't get the answer to your prayers that you hoped for?

3. In Luke 6:12, we learn that Jesus went to the mountain to pray. At other times, he is said to go to a desolate place. When his disciples asked him how to pray, he told them, "Go in your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret" (Matthew 6:6). Why did Jesus get alone to pray, and why does he instruct us to do the same?

4. Prayer deepens your trust in God and can help you to grow in your relationship with him, but that is not the only reason to pray. Read Psalm 86:5-7 and James 5:16. What do these verses teach us about God's response to our prayers?

5. On Sunday, Pastor Craig listed several different purposes of prayer. To which of those purposes do you relate most closely? What kind of prayer is most challenging for you? How might you grow in your prayer life by focusing on the purposes of prayer?

6. Prayer is more than a personal interaction between you and the Lord. Prayer changes you and should drive you to action. Nehemiah 1 recounts Nehemiah's heartfelt prayer to the Lord after learning of the great trouble in Jerusalem. The rest of the book of Nehemiah records Nehemiah's actions after his prayer. How has prayer driven you to action? How have you seen prayer drive others to action?

7. Read the Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:7-15. What do you learn from this passage about how you should pray and about what the expectations are for your life in response to prayer?

Sharing the Gospel

Sunday Evenings
February 15—March 8
6:00-7:00 PM

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