



October 5

Parable of the Friend at Midnight

Read

Luke 11:5-10

Reflection and Discussion Questions

1. Do you have a welcome mat outside your house? Why? Why not?
2. What did this parable mean to the first people reading it? If you have a [study Bible](#), your notes can be helpful.
3. What questions does this parable raise for you? Is there anything that bothers you? Encourages you? What challenges you?
4. Ephesians 5:15,16 tells us "Be careful how you live, making the most of every opportunity." How have you applied this to your life? What simple steps can you take this week to make the most of every opportunity?
5. Romans 12:9,13 tells us "Love must be sincere...share with God's people, practice hospitality." What do you think it means to 'practice hospitality?' What are two ways you can practice hospitality this week?
6. Jesus says in Luke 11:9 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." How are you currently asking the Lord? How are you currently seeking the Lord? How are you currently knocking on the door to the Lord?
7. How does the sermon/reading apply to you? Your family? Your work? Your neighbor? How might this change the way you live?
8. What did you learn about Jesus from this Parable?

Prayer

Write down the needs of you, your family or group and commit to pray for them this week.

Challenge/Live It Out

1. If you're not yet part of a small group, pray about joining one (talk with Jennifer Sellon!) or talk to someone who is in a small group about why they enjoy their group.
2. If you are in a small group, connect with one person in your group over coffee, breakfast, or lunch to get to know one another better, and to encourage one another.
3. Consider meeting with someone you know, but who you don't see eye-to-eye with. Be genuinely curious about that person, with a desire to hear their story and understand their viewpoint. When possible, seek common ground. Always, radiate the love of Christ.