

Luke 11:1 Talking with my Father – Prayer Example

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The disciples saw Jesus pray! They wanted to be able to emulate Him. We're going to look at Jesus and why He prayed and see why they wanted to pray like Jesus.

1. **READ Phil 2:6-8** Remembering the sermon, how should we think of Jesus when He came to this earth as compared to us?
2. Share out these passages in the group or read them in smaller groups and then identify what they reveal of Jesus incarnate: **John 5:16-23** (and the context in **v1-15**), **Jn 12:48-49**; **Heb 5:4-9**; **Heb 10:5-10**
3. So, what do these passages suggest about the reason Jesus prayed? How does that compare with the reasons why we need to pray? How might this encourage us?
4. The following passages all show us Jesus praying. For each (using the context of the verses as appropriate), identify why Jesus might have prayed specifically at this time, and what he prayed about, and what this might teach us about our need for prayer.
Luke 3:21-22, Mark 1:35, Mark 6:41 (cf Jn 6:5-6), Matt 14:23, Mk 7:34, Lk 10:21-22, Jn 11:41-43, Jn 12:27-28 & 17:1, Lk 22:31; Matt 26:36-46
5. Do you sometimes think of Jesus as a kind of 'super-human', so different from us? Read **Heb 2:17-18** and **4:14-16**. How should that encourage us? How might remembering this drive us all the more to prayer?

CONTINUE TO APPLY & RESPOND:

- If there was one thing you could highlight that God is challenging you about to pray over / change / seek His help in, what is it?
- Is there one thing you want to take away as an encouragement?
- What can others pray for you to help you respond to His challenge?

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