“ASK, SEEK, KNOCK”

Luke 11:5–13

Key Verse: 11:9

1. What dilemma does Jesus describe we might have? (5,6) What might our friend tell us about his situation? (7) In this situation what would he really do, and why? (8) What does “impudence” mean? What is Jesus really teaching us here?
2. Read verse 9. What three verbs does Jesus use to describe prayer? What should we especially be “seeking”? (12:31; cf. Dt4:29; Isa55:6; Jer29:13; Pr8:17) What does it mean to “knock”? What do these verbs (9) teach us about prayer? What does Jesus promise us, and what does he mean? (10)
3. What other questions does Jesus ask? (11,12) What conclusion does he draw, and what is he really saying about God? (13; cf. verse 2; 10:21,22) When we pray, why is it important to keep this in mind?
4. What two gifts does Jesus contrast? (13) What does it mean to ask our heavenly Father for the Holy Spirit? Why should we?