

SESSION ELEVEN: How should I pray? *Luke 11 v 1-4*
Slower and Full Route

1. It's helpful to call God "Father" because it reminds us that the God of the universe listens to us as his children, if we're followers of Jesus, his Son. It's amazing to know that the most powerful Person in the universe is the Father of every Christian! That will make us excited about speaking to him!
2. Because he's the perfect Creator of everything, who deserves to be recognised and respected by every bit of his creation, including humans. When someone does something good, they deserve to be praised for it. God is infinitely good and has done more amazing things than we can appreciate; he deserves infinite honour!
3. We should want God to be King in more and more areas of everyone's lives because that's what he deserves; it's how we were made to live, and so it's how life is most enjoyable; and because as people live with God as King, the world becomes a better place.
And we should want to see the final day come soon because that's when God will finally get the honour he deserves, and when his people will get to enjoy life in his perfect kingdom.
4. Because it reminds us that we rely on God for absolutely everything. It's easy to forget, in a country full of supermarkets, that each bit of food is a gift of God that we depend on him for.
5. We need God to forgive us because we've sinned against him. We're in his debt and we can't repay it; so we need him to wipe our slate clean.
6. Because we can only ask God to do for us what we're willing to do for others. If we won't forgive those who wrong us, how can we dare to ask God to lovingly forgive all that we've done to wrong him?