

What Makes a Good Family

Commitment - Luke 11:1-13

Read & Reflect

1. Read Luke 11:1-13
2. In Middle Eastern culture two things are of high value: 1) always show hospitality, 2) and do anything to avoid shame to your name. What does the parable that Jesus told (vss.5-8) teach us about prayer, especially if the emphasis is not on the person asking, but on the person being asked?

Explore

3. What are some of the things that pull us apart in our families and communities?
4. What does commitment look like in some or all of the following scenarios:
 - A rebellious child who no longer honors a parent's values or reputation
 - A spouse who doesn't give a person the attention they think they deserve
 - A friend who says they want a relationship but invests so little into it
 - A family member who constantly "takes and takes" and is unaware of the strain on relationships
5. Read Matthew 26:36-46. Jesus' disciples were like family to him, but they abandoned him in his most desperate hour. What was that like for Jesus? Who do you call out to in your desperate hour?
6. How would you (or how do you) communicate the value of covenant commitment in your family or small group or church family?

Pray:

- Praise God for his commitment and "steadfast love."
- Commit to God the brokenness we experience in our families and in the church family
- Pray the Lord's Prayer together

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