

15. Christ taught the disciples to pray

Luke 11:1-13 - *It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples." And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'"* Then He said to them, *"Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"*

What aspects of prayer did Christ include in this teaching on prayer?

Are you including all of these aspects when you pray?

Which aspects of prayer do you tend to neglect?

Are you teaching others to pray in this way that Christ taught?

As I pray, Lord, remind me to praise You, to pray about Your kingdom purpose, to ask for Your provision, to ask for forgiveness, to forgive others, and to ask for protection from temptation. Help me to persevere in these prayers, and encourage others to do the same.

16. Christ taught the disciples to pray kingdom prayers

Luke 10:1-2 - Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Christ taught the disciples to pray a very simple kingdom prayer in verse 2. What was it?

Of what harvest was Christ speaking?

To beseech means to ask urgently and fervently, to beg, to plead.

Are you urgently pleading with God to send out laborers into His harvest?

Are you teaching others to urgently pray this kingdom prayer?

Lord, please send out laborers into Your harvest. As I teach others to pray in this way, may they put it into practice. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and answer because as You know, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

17. Christ taught in God's House

John 6:59 - *These things He [Jesus] said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.*

Luke 21:37-38 - *Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet. And all the people would get up early in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.*

Christ taught on the mountainside, and He taught by the seashore. He taught by a well, by a tomb, and in people's homes. Where was He teaching in these verses in John and Luke?

Are you teaching in God's house (your church)?

If not, why not?

Who can enable you to teach the truths of God in the house of God?

How can you better prepare yourself to teach in God's house?

Are you encouraging other believers to step out and teach at church?

Lord, as I seek to better prepare myself to teach at church, please grant me success. Help me to learn Your truths well, so that I can pass them on to others. Then please give me the courage to step up and teach. Help me to encourage others to also step out and teach at church.