

Praying for the Prodigals: Asking Prayer
“Luke 11:9-13”

Keep asking, and asking and asking, and asking....

- I. **Two major problems with Christians today.**
 - a. **James 4:2** ...you have not because you ask not.
 - b. **Luke 18:1** ...we give up too easily.

Question: Will God save anyone without someone having first prayed them into the kingdom? **Romans 10:13-15**

II. Two things the scriptures clearly teach that we are to ask for.

a. The Holy Spirit. Luke 11:13; Ephesians 5:18; John 7:37-39; Acts 19:1-6; Acts 4:7-8; Acts 4:29-31.

b. The souls of the lost. Matthew 9:36-38; Psalms 2:8; Acts 26:18; 1 Timothy 2:1-4

III. Shameless, persistent and never ending asking!

Luke 18:1-8; Luke 11:5-8; Luke 11:10

Discussion Questions:

- 1.** As a reminder discuss with your group how the father was waiting for and longing for his prodigal son to return.
- 2.** Discuss how God the Father longs for the prodigals in your life to be redeemed even more than you do. So in asking for them we are agreeing with God.
- 3.** God has chosen prayer and our witness to be the instruments through which he will save the lost. Do you agree with this statement?
- 4.** Testify to your group how God has answered your request in the past. Discuss how this should increase the frequency of our asking as well as what we ask for.
- 5.** Discuss how great the harvest of souls really is and how inadequate we are of ourselves to accomplish the task.
- 6.** Do we ask for the Holy Spirit? How often? Do we know when he comes?
- 7.** Discuss ways that the Holy Spirit helps you in praying and in witnessing.
- 8.** Why are we not persistent enough when it comes to asking God? How does this persistent asking change us or further develop our relationship with God?
- 9.** Why do we give up? Why do we so easily accept defeat?
- 10.** The promise in Luke 11:10 is; “Everyone who asks, receives. Do you believe this promise?”

