



## Follow the leader

### INTRODUCTION:

Jesus desires for His followers to live a lifestyle of prayer. While this may sound daunting to some, it is important for us to recognize that Jesus didn't simply demand it, He also demonstrated it. When He walked this earth, He modeled a lifestyle of prayer for His followers to see and learn from. In this message we learn how we can grow in this discipline by simply following the Leader.

**READ:** Luke 11:1-4

### DISCUSSION:

1. Share an experience or situation in your life where someone invited you do something good or offered you a privilege where you did not accept the offer and in hindsight should have. What happened as a result? What did you learn from that experience?
2. What about Jesus' prayer life probably got the attention of the disciples?
3. How did the Pharisees in Jesus' day usually pray? How were His prayers different?
4. How high of a priority did Jesus place on prayer? Why do you feel that way?
5. What does it mean that Jesus prayed in a "certain place"?
  - a. Why did He do this?
  - b. What does this teach us?
6. As a group Read Matthew 6:5-8. How did Jesus' teaching affirm His example? What does the "inner room" mean? Where is your "inner room"?
7. What was the disciples first step to learning to pray?
  - a. How is it the same in our lives?
  - b. How did Jesus respond to their request?
8. Take a moment and read the quote by Elizabeth Elliott.
  - a. What obstacles hinder us from regularly going to our "inner room" for prayer?
  - b. How can we overcome them?
9. As a group read the Monday-Wednesday Scriptures listed in this week's Reading List. How can we be assured that we are children of God? Through His grace He adopts us into His family. How should this impact the way that we pray?
10. From chapters 1-2 in "Fearless Prayer" encouraged you the most? Do you have a similar experience to share?

**MAKE IT SO:** By answering these three questions this week: 1) Do you know God as your Father? 2) Do you need to get back to your "certain" place and make prayer the priority once again? 3) Do you need to admit your need for help and ask the Lord for help?

### READING LIST:

**Monday:** Romans 8:10-17 / **Tuesday:** Galatians 4:1-7 / **Wednesday:** Ephesians 1:2-7 / **Thursday:** Matthew 6:5-8  
**Friday:** Luke 11:1-13 / **Saturday:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / **Sunday:** Ephesians 6:10-18