

**OPENING** (10-15 minutes)

- What are some of your current prayer habits? Is prayer more a responsibility or a gift for you right now?
- What insights from Sunday's message did you find most helpful? Most challenging?

**CLARIFYING THE TEXT** (20-30 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud in your group. Use the questions below to dig in to Jesus' words.*

- The text begins with Jesus praying. Quickly scan the first 10 chapters of Luke and note other instances of Jesus in prayer. What do you learn from Jesus' prayer life?
- What is the significance of Jesus saying "when you pray" and not "if you pray?"
- What topics or petitions does Jesus include in this pattern for prayer?
- How do you respond to addressing God as "Father"? How does this title affect the way you view your relationship with God?
- Jesus uses three action words (verses 9-10) to describe prayer. How does recognizing your own need and spiritual poverty prompt these actions?
- What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate in the two parables about prayer?
- Is there anything about your own prayer life that was challenged in this text?

*Additional texts to consider:*

- Matthew 6:5-13
- Psalm 141:1-2
- Ephesians 6:18-19
- James 5:13-16

**OBEYING: How can you be more in sync with Jesus?** (20 minutes)

- What would encourage you to pray more, and to pray more boldly, this week? How can the group support you in this?

**PRAYING:** *Close your group in prayer for each other to keep in sync with Jesus.*

