

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, July 27, 2025

Reading: Luke 11:1-13

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we reflect on praying for the things we need – consistent with God's agenda – not just our own. Click here:

<https://youtu.be/Ncl-m-57jpk> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- The disciples ask Jesus: teach us to pray, and Jesus teaches them the Lord's Prayer. It has four essential elements: God's presence, God's help in providing for us, forgiveness of sins, and salvation.
- Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer after the Lord's Prayer. He emphasizes persistence. Then he assures us that those who ask will receive, those who seek will find, and those who knock will have the door opened for them.
- What person, hearing a child asking for a fish, would give a snake instead? Or if that child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? "[H]ow much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (Luke 11:13)

Two Questions

- Have you ever wondered how to pray? Do the words ask and you shall receive make you think you must be "doing it wrong" somehow? Did Jesus really mean we should expect to be simply granted whatever we ask for? What role does God's presence and the Holy Spirit play in our prayers? In what we ask for? In how we perceive his replies?
- Have you had experiences where you prayed, and saw the obvious and immediate reply? Do you sometimes need to work in faith to see God's response? Are you willing to accept that every prayer is answered, not just always in the way we envisioned?

Action Step

- Pray the Lord's Prayer this week – not in the rote words of a recital, but in your own words: God be with me, give me what you know I need, forgive me, and save me!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!