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Sunday, November 6, 2011

**“THE IMPORTANT THINGS – PRAYER”**

(Luke 5:12-16)

Jesus accomplished so much during His public ministry. His days were full and meaningful and impacted eternity. As we follow His life through the gospels, we find that Jesus lived a powerful life of prayer. Today we focus on prayer from the example of the Savior.

*“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps” (1 Peter 2:21, NIV).*

*“Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace” (Matthew 6:6, The Message).*

*“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened” (Luke 11:9, NLT).*

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*“This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it” (Hebrews 4:15-16, NLT).*

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*“And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit*

*the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us” (Acts 17:25–27).*

*“Our Father in heaven...” (Matthew 6:9, NLT).*