



Life Group Questions

Matthew 7:7-12 ^(NIV)

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If

you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Having a Right Posture Towards God and Others

1. Right Posture Towards God – Matthew 7:7-11
 - a. Ask, seek, knock always
 - b. He will answer prayer – 7:8
 - c. Because God is good - 7:9-11
2. Right Posture Towards Others 7:12
 - a. Be an active agent of God’s blessing
 - b. The golden rule is active not passive, positive not negative, guide not a goal.
 - c. About acting righteously towards others

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the words “Having a right posture toward God”?
 - a. Generally speaking, what does having a good posture before God look like in the life of a Christian?

2. To keep on asking, seeking and knocking is a way of describing how tenacious we should be in our relationship with God.
 - a. What sort of things encourages you the most to tenaciously cling to God in your faith?

 - b. In which situations of life do you most need this tenacity?

3. Jesus is saying that if we persevere in prayer that we can be assured that we are heard. What would you say to someone who says they have prayed and God hasn’t answered?
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4. The illustration in 7:9-11 concludes by saying God is good and delights to give good gifts to those who ask Him. Share together some of the good things God is/has been doing in your life. E.g. recent examples of answers to prayer.
5. Reading verse 12 regarding the golden rule
 - a. The golden rule is not a rule we obey, so others will treat us well, but a guide to help us act righteously towards others.
 - b. What are some examples of how this works at home, work, church or with people we do business with.
 - c. How can we keep our motives pure when we want to do good to others?