

As It Is In Heaven

ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

Matthew 7:7-12



MEMBER'S GUIDE

GETTING STARTED

Let's do life together!/Opening Discussion: Welcome to LIFEgroup, as always someone please share a God story from the past few days. Here is a hard question to start off with, did you find yourself judging anyone this past week and did God remind you of our study this past week on being judgmental?

Our Subject Today: We are going to study *Matthew 7:7-12* on how we pray by asking, seeking and knocking.

VIDEO NOTES/QUESTIONS

Share any thoughts from the Video:

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Read *Matthew 7:7*

1) Why do you think Jesus went from judging to prayer? From this verse, what are the steps of a persistent prayer life?

Read *Matthew 7:8*

2) Why do we often give up on praying for someone or something? Have you given up on praying for someone or something and God later reminded you to keep praying, (anyone have a story)? What promises of God does Jesus share in this verse?

Read *Matthew 7:9*

3) Have you ever asked God for something that Jesus would consider a stone, in other words, you asked for something you did not need? Anyone have a story about your stone?

Read *Matthew 7:10*

4) Why do people blame God when bad things happen? What does this verse continue to show about the character of our Heavenly Father? How does this describe God's love for you?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS (cont.)**Read *Matthew 7:11***

5) Why do you think Jesus started this verse "If you then, being evil..." What is he pointing out about the difference between us and God?

Read *Matthew 7:12*

6) What name do we often give this verse when we refer to it? Many people view this as a negative verse, how can it be a positive promise? Make a list of ways we can show God's love, give mercy, or do something good for someone this week?

MY TAKE-AWAY**BE A DOER ("...be a doer of the word, not merely a hearer..." - *James 1:20*)**

- I will live the Golden Rule this week
- I will memorize Matthew 7:7 this week

MY NEXT STEPS

1. This week, I will pray and ask God to increase my desire to pray and read my Bible.
2. This week, I will lead my family in prayer and read *Ephesians 6:10-18*, which shows us "The Armor of God".
3. This week, I will establish a time in the morning to pray Scripture and listen to God in my quiet time.

HOW MY GROUP CAN PRAY FOR ME THIS WEEK