



## SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 7:7-12” on July 19<sup>th</sup>

### CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 7:1-6 affect your week?

### DISCOVER - MATTHEW 7:7-12

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

In this week's sermon, Matt described prayer as a relationship with God our Father, who out of His infinite goodness and kindness invites us to regularly ask Him to provide for our needs. Matt gave us three 'Prayer Practices' from this section of the Sermon on the Mount.

#### 1 .PRAY WITH PERSISTENCE!

Vs. 7: “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”

- Would you describe your prayer life as having an urgency – continually asking God as a way of life?
- Besides your basic needs, what are the most important needs do you need to bring to the Father who loves you enough to have sacrificed His only Son Jesus on the cross so that you could have life eternal?
- What would a prayer life of relentlessly pursuing God for forgiveness, seeking His grace and mercy look like in your life right now? If you could make a list, what would be the top three needs be on the list?
- Share any blessings you have received because of your persistence in prayer.

#### 2. PRAY WITH EXPECTATION:

Vs. 8: “For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

- How do Jesus' words give you confidence in bringing your needs to God?
- How have you previously perceived what Matt described as God's 'invitation' for us to ask Him to supply our needs – did it change as a result of hearing this message?
- If you were to pray with the unrelenting determination in expecting an answer from God that Matt described, what would change in your prayer life?

#### 3. PRAY WITH PEOPLE IN MIND

Vs. 12: “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

- How do verses 7-11 help you as you consider Jesus' words in verse 12 – what we know as the Golden Rule?
- How does having experienced God's forgiveness, grace and mercy cause you to desire to seek people to do good to them?
- Describe 5 things you would have others do to you, then plan how you could take the initiative and do them for all those around you – friend or foe!

### RESPOND

How is your relationship with Jesus today? What things will you ask God to show you to bring you closer to Him?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?



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### PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

### KEEP READING

Luke 18:1-8 where Jesus uses a parable to talk to the disciples about prayer. Luke 18:9-14 where Jesus uses another parable to teach the disciples about prayer. Luke 11:5-13 is the parallel account of Jesus sermon on the mount teaching in Matthew.