

Series: Get Help, Give Help

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Message & Scripture Highlights:

Have someone read the following scripture:

Matthew 7:7-12

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

¹² Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Discussion Part 1:

Remember this is Jesus speaking. Notice He is giving us instruction on how to work a Law with the Father being the ultimate source and supply. Each of you talk about what it is that you are asking God for, and then what your follow through action is to support your 'ask' with verse 12.

S.Marshall thoughts:

Jesus said, "For everyone who asks receives". God never fails or lies so you have to do some religious twisting to undo this Truth. The faith walk requires us to take responsibility for failure to receive, instead blaming God for failure to deliver. Discuss this.

Have someone read:

Psalms 37:4

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires *and* secret petitions of your heart.

Proverbs 3:12

For whom the Lord loves He corrects, even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

Hebrews 12:8

Now if you are exempt from correction *and* left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring *and* not true sons [at all].

Discussion Part 2:

God is a God of order. That means, if He says “Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart” then you must delight yourself in Him before you can accurately receive the desires of your heart. Discuss how that correction and discipline are a key part to learning to “Delight yourself in the Lord”. Distinguish between a son and a “true son”.

Stephen Marshall Thoughts:

I've personally been corrected many times by God and every time He does it, it brings life to me. I always liken it to going one way and running into a brick wall until my Heavenly Father says, “Stephen not that way, but turn this way!” As I listen and obey, suddenly no more smashing my face into the ‘wall’. Sounds good doesn't it?

Life Application:

Share with one another something that you need help with. Now talk about how you can ask, seek, and knock, as it relates to that particular need. Lastly, apply Matthew 7:12 and talk about how you can apply the Law of reciprocity and “do also for them”.

Now Pray the Word:

Get someone (or a few people) to lead out in prayer based on the Truth talked about. Pray according to the above scriptures:

“Precious Father God we all need help. We all need to learn the humility that enables us to ask, seek, and knock. We look to You Father for our help. Give us wisdom on how to do for others as we desire it to be done for us. We choose to delight ourselves in You Lord. We don't run from Your correction, but to it, because You delight in us. We can trust You all the way. You are the source and supply of the desires of our heart.”
(Continue to pray specifically for one another's needs ...)