
Matthew 7:7-11 Ask

For a parent, it brings joy when we are able to give to our child an item asked for, especially something we know will be good for them. In this passage, Jesus portrays God as a good Father, a heavenly Father, who is ready to give what we ask. Our heavenly Father knows well how to give us that which is good. He waits for us to ask.

⁷ "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 the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are 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!

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Jesus tells us to ask because God is listening.
Jesus tells us to ask because God will answer.
Jesus tell us to ask because God gives good things.

Discussion Questions

- What are the things that you generally ask God for?
- In verses 7-8, what does the Word say is expected of us? What is the promised result?
- How does your asking God reveal what you believe about Him?
- Since God gives good gifts, why would we not ask?
- How do you discern between asking for good things that you want and asking for good things that God wants for you?
- What can you change about your prayer life to become more childlike?

Prayer

Break up into smaller groups for prayer.

- Who are you praying for to know Jesus?
- What gospel conversations have you had this week with someone who doesn't follow Jesus?
- How is your time with God?
- What are you praying for?
- What are you struggling with?