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1. Have you ever (perhaps now) prayed for years about a significant matter? How has God responded to your repeated asking, seeking, and knocking?

2. **Verse 12, which has been called the “Golden Rule,” is a particular example of the principle of ethical generalization:** people should behave in the way that they want others to behave. When we treat someone badly, we often make excuses by telling ourselves why that basic ethical principle doesn’t apply in our case. What are some of the excuses you have given yourself for violating the Golden Rule?

- Have you ever seen this proverb played out in your life or the life of someone you know?
- What are some of the factors that made that wrong choice so plausible?