

A Trusting Persistence

Matthew 7:7–11

1. What Must We Do? We Must Pray.

2. Is It That Simple?

Prayer presupposes _____

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Prayer requires _____

Life Group Questions

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Opener: What is one of the best gifts you have ever received? What made it so special?

READ: Matthew 7:7–11

1. In verses 7 and 8, Jesus tells his disciples to ask, seek, and knock. What do these three words have in common? How are they different from one another? Is Jesus simply repeating the same command three times, or is there more to it?
2. Read Luke 11:5–13, 18:1–6. What is the lesson of the two parables? What comparisons can be drawn to our passage in Matthew 7:7–11?
3. Prayer presupposes knowledge. We must learn the will of God before we can pray the will of God (Matt 6:10). How do you learn the will of God?
4. Prayer presupposes faith. Praying for God's will to be done requires one to express confidence that he is able to cause his will to be done. Read Mark 9:14–29. In what ways can you relate to the father in this passage?
5. Prayer requires desire and persistence. Jesus' command to ask, seek, and knock is a command of continual action and persistence. Read Deuteronomy 4:29 and Jeremiah 29:13. What does it look like to pursue God in this way?
6. Why is persistence in prayer necessary to grow as a disciple of Jesus?
7. Jesus tells us to ask, seek, and knock because he wants to give us good gifts. What are the good things God wants to give his children? Hint: Read Matthew 5:1–12.
8. Who or what can you be in persistent prayer for this week?

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:7–8 ESV

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”

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