



# Message Notes

Mini-series 4: Make the Most of It

Week 3: Matthew 7:7-29 (NIV)

### Big Idea for this week:

Self-dependence creates a \_\_\_\_\_ that prevents us from making the most of God's good life

Who can we depend on:

in our \_\_\_\_\_.

in our \_\_\_\_\_.

in our \_\_\_\_\_.

in our \_\_\_\_\_.

in our \_\_\_\_\_.

Big idea: distance 1. devotion 2. priorities 3. circumstances 4. desires 5. decisions

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. What part of Jesus' Message stuck out to you today? What does this passage reveal to us about God? How do you see the beatitudes affect this section of Jesus' Message on the Mount?
2. As Jesus concludes His message, Jesus asks us if we are self-dependent or is our dependence on God? He asks us what path are we on? What voice are we listening to? What are you building your life on? Jesus ends on a shocking conclusion, leaving us with an ultimatum: will we choose to follow Him or something else? How do you answer this question? Why?
3. Of the areas we looked out today, which is the hardest for you to depend on God for? Which of these is the easiest?
4. What are some practical ways we can move from self-dependence or self-reliance to true dependence and reliance on God?
5. How does one become truly wise and put the Jesus' words into practice?
6. What is one thing that stood out to you the most during this series? Why?

**Prayer: Jesus, thank You for the words You spoke in the Sermon on the Mount. Thank You for giving me Your strength to be all that You have called me to be. Teach me what it means to be wholly dependent on You, rather than depending on my own strength. I want to know what it means to be close to You, with no distance between us. I truly want to live my life for You. In Your Name I ask, seek, and knock, amen.**