



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 6/11/23

Opener (10 minutes or less)

If you could make your own game show, what would it be?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:7-14

Questions:

1. What stands out to you from this reading and/or Sunday's teaching? What was challenging, or encouraging?
 2. Why should we not only ask, but also seek, and knock? What does this teach us about prayer?
 3. What does Jesus teach us about the nature of man and the nature of God when speaking of gift giving?
 4. Why is the golden rule so good at summing up the law and also so challenging?
 5. Why do you think Jesus describes the path of righteousness as narrow and difficult? What challenges or sacrifices might be involved in choosing this path?
 6. Reflecting on the narrow gate and the wide gate, what are some examples of the "wide gate" paths that are popular in today's society? How do these paths differ from the path of righteousness?
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Ask, Seek, Knock

7 “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? **10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? **11** If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! **12** So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

The Narrow and Wide Gates

13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. **14** But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.