

Kingdom Citizens –The Sermon on the Mount-Lesson 17

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“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 he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. --Matthew 7:7-12

Day 1—Verse 7

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. --Matthew 7:7

1. How do verses 7-11 connect with verses 1-6?

2. Who is the one who gives and opens the door for us?

3. What does James 1:5 tell us we should ask for?
 - a. What else should we ask for?

4. Why would we need this verse to remind us that we need to see God's wisdom when we are removing a log from our eye and a speck from our brothers' eye?

5. From Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10, what is the prerequisite to wisdom?
 - a. What does it mean to fear the Lord?

 - b. Why is the fear of the Lord critical when we are dealing with matters of sin in our own hearts and the hearts of others?

6. When God answers us, does He generally give us rules or principles? Why do you think that is?

Heart Check:

- Do you regularly seek wisdom for matters of the heart?
- Do you go to the Lord in prayer first on these matters or do you seek wisdom elsewhere first? What should you be doing?

Day 2—Verse 8

For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. --Matthew 7:8

1. Who is everyone?
2. How are we to ask, seek, and knock?
3. What does it mean to seek after something?
 - a. What might seeking after something look like practically?
4. The literal translation of verse 7 is to, keep asking, keep seeking, keep knocking. What character quality is God wanting to build in us?

- a. Why is perseverance so important in prayer?
5. What are some reasons that God might not seem to be answering our prayers?
6. Is this passage teaching that God will give us whatever we ask for in the way that we want to have it? Why or why not? Use Scripture to support your answer.
 - a. Does this verse also teach us that we are stagnant as we wait?
7. How can prayer help us to live carefully in regards to vs. 1-6?

Heart Check:

- Do you persevere in your prayers or do you give up easily when they are immediately answered?
- Do you pray according to your own desires or according to God's will as found in His Word?

Day 3—Verse 9-11

Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! --Matthew 7:9-11

1. What must our motivation be as we ask, knock, and see?
 - a. What happens when we ask with wrong motives? (James 1:6-8; 4:3)
2. What is Jesus saying in verse 10?
3. From these verses what are some of the good gifts that God gives his children?
 - a. Ecclesiastes 4:13
 - b. Romans 6:23
 - c. 1 Corinthians 4:7

d. Ephesians 2:10

e. James 1:5

f. James 1:17

g. 1 Peter 4:10

4. How much does God love his children? Use Scripture to support your answer.

5. The parallel passage to this is in Luke 11:5-13. What does verse 13 add to our understanding?

6. Read Eph. 1:3-14. List all the things that God has done for us.

- a. Write a prayer in thanksgiving to God for all he has done for you.

Day 4—Verse 12

“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. --Matthew 7:12

1. What are the Law and the Prophets?

2. How does what we learned in Matthew 5:3-12 help us to apply this verse?

3. What is the difference between not doing to others what you don't want others to do to you and doing to others what you want done to you?

4. What is the primary reason that we struggle to fulfill this command?
 - a. What must we do when we struggle to fulfill this command?
5. What enables us to fulfill this command?
6. How might this passage be an encouragement to us as we seek to obey all that Jesus has commanded us to do in the Sermon on the Mount?

Day 5—Verse 12

"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. --Matthew 7:12

1. Summarize the 10 Commandments and how they are an expression of loving God and loving your neighbour.
2. Who is our neighbour?
3. What does it look like to love others in (give practical examples):
 - a. Our home.
 - b. Our church.

- c. Our communities.

- d. Our world.

- 4. It's likely this comment is a summary of all we have learned in the Sermon of the Mount. Write out from each chapter how the Lord wants us to love our neighbour:
 - a. Chapter 5

 - b. Chapter 6

 - c. Chapter 7

Heart Check:

- How do you treat others? Do you treat them in a way that is honoring and pleasing to God?
- Are there any areas of your life where you have been convicted during our study so far? How can you apply the principles of asking, seeking, and knocking to those issues?
- From question 3, are there things that you need to take action on to love your neighbour more faithfully?

Dig Deeper:

- Write a list of areas where you desire to have greater wisdom.
- Write a thank/thinking of you card to 3 (or more) people.
- Actively look for needs in our church and your community and fill them
- Make a meal for someone in need.
- Ask 3 (or more) people how you can pray for them this week.