



Ask Seek Knock

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | Matthew 7:7-11

Ice Breaker

Read Matthew 7:7-11 again. What stood out to you in the message?

UNDERSTAND THEIR STORY (Studying the context)

What imagery does Jesus use in the text to describe God and His attention to our prayers?

Read Matthew 6:33. In light of this overarching theme, how does the act of seeking God's Kingdom relate to the idea of receiving what we ask for?

CONNECT TO HIS STORY (Connecting to the Gospel)

1. How does John 14:13 broaden our perspective about the big picture of the purpose of our prayers?

2. Read Romans 8:14-17. How is each member of the Trinity helping us think about praying? Similarly, from James 1:17, how does God's unchanging character help us know what to expect from God (compare Matthew 7:9-11)?

APPLY TO OUR STORY (Living the truth out)

What are some prayers you are waiting for God to answer? Which example from the sermon do you need to exhibit more starting this week? Do you need to pray boldly like Elijah (1 Kings 18:20-46), ask like the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), remember we have a good father (Matthew 7:9-11)?

How can we as a group encourage each other in prayer?

Accountability

What makes it difficult for you to pray? What are the things that feel too much to ask God for?

Parenting Moment:

God is a Father who gives good gifts. This week, take time as a family to pray, thank the Lord for what He has done, and ask the Lord for what you need.