

Ask, Seek, Knock

Matthew 7:7-12

Sermon Discussion Questions

August 20, 2023

1. Have you or someone you know asked, sought, and knocked before with persistence? How was the experience for you? Did you receive an answer to your prayers? Was it the answer you were expecting or was it different?
2. What kind of lens do you view God through? What life experiences have shaped your perception of God? Who has shaped your perception of God? Have these been positive or negative?
3. When is it hard to trust that God will provide answers to your prayers? Have you trusted the Lord's faithfulness before? Where are you still waiting on his faithfulness in your life?
4. What roles do faith and hope fill in our prayers? What wrong ideas about God and our relationship with him come out of thinking he is just a celestial slot machine?
5. What is the implicit requirement in the second half of the Golden Rule? Why is knowing the blessings God gave you vital for knowing how to treat others well?
6. What are some examples of the Golden Rule in action? Where do you see the need for you and other Christians in the world to treat others as you wish to be treated?
7. Where are you feeling called to put the Golden Rule into action this week? How can your group help to hold you accountable?