

Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Privileges

Sunday, November 20/22 --- Matthew 7:7-12

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, and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

⁹ *Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone?*

¹⁰ *Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?*

¹¹ *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your Father in heaven
give good things to those who ask him.*

¹² *Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you,
do also the same for them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

1. The Privilege of Pursuing God (vs. 7-8)

2. The Privilege of Having a Good Father (vs. 9-11)

3. The Privilege of Living with God's Perspective (vs. 12)

Discussion Question:

Our praying will always be in proportion to our faith. It will reflect how we view our heavenly Father. Jesus teaches that He (God the Father) is so much more eager to father us and care for us than any earthly father. You must enter the mind of a mother or father to understand the 'how much more' principle Jesus teaches.

- *Why is God worth pursuing? How are you pursuing Him today?*
- *How does your perception of God the Father change the way you pray?*
- *Why do we not ask God our Father for more?*
- *Why does Jesus attach the Golden Rule (vs. 12) to His teaching on prayer?*
- *What have others learned about God through the way you treat them?*

Challenge:

Apply the Golden Rule in some act of love this week.

*Pray about it first and expect your heavenly Father
to give you an answer as you live out each day.*

Apply the rule toward others. Don't worry about how others apply it to you.