SERMON NOTES: January 19, 2025

III. The Right Motivation - 7:9-11

Do You Ask For Help?

Matthew 7:7-11

I. The Right Request - 7:7

II. The Right Approach - 7:7-8

"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!

Life Group Study Questions

Do You Ask For Help?

Matthew 7:7-11

1. Share a time in your life where you struggled to ask for help. Why was it so hard?

- 2. How does the fact that this passage is talking about godliness change the way you think about your own prayer requests? What do you ask God for the most these days?
- 3. Jesus makes some amazing, comprehensive, promises to us in this passage. What does he seem to know about us and the obstacles to our asking for help?

4. The bible commands us to ask, seek, knock. Each one is something that we are to persistently and continually do. Which of the three do you find most convicting?

- 5. We all know that earthly dads can be inconsistent and cause pain. Did your own father have any deficiencies that have influenced the way you interact with your heavenly father? Give an example.
- 6. Our heavenly father is not like our own dads. He knows exactly what we need. How have you experienced this to be true?

- 7. God will never say anything but yes to our request for godliness! This is an awesome promise that should encourage you to ask Him for help. Where do you need to ask these days?
- 8. Pray for the courage and grace to be needy this week.

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