

Ask, Seek, Knock

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“Keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep searching, and you will find. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who searches finds... If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!” -Matthew 7:7-12

Keep Asking!

[Mark 7:26](#)

[John 4:40](#)

Keep Seeking!

[Jeremiah 29:13](#)

Keep Knocking!

[Luke 11:5-9](#)

Some Clarification:

[1 John 3:22](#)

[James 4:3](#)

[Matthew 6:24](#)

We are beggars at the gate. We are at the mercy of God's grace.

[Matthew 5:3](#)

[Philippians 4:19](#)

The Golden Rule: Therefore, because of this truth, in light of this...What should we do?

[James 2:15-16](#)

GROWTH GROUP GUIDE • WEEK 8 • MATTHEW 7:7-12

1. Do you have any questions or comments about Sunday's sermon? How did it speak to your heart?
2. How do you feel God thinks about you when you ask Him for things?
3. What do you continuously seek from the Lord that He has or has not helped you find or given you? How do you feel about that?
4. In [John 17](#), Jesus prayed that His followers would be One just as He and the Father are One. This means that as disciples of Christ, we cannot be as independent as we used to be. When you seek the Lord in prayer, are you helping God to answer that prayer, or do you have some other goal for your life? Are you seeking the Lord in order to join the prayer that God must answer: "that they may be one just as We are One" ([John 17:22](#))? What does that mean?

GOD'S ABILITY TO TRUST

God is perfectly trustworthy. He also has perfect TRUSTABILITY, which means that whenever He chooses to give His trust to someone, He does so perfectly. He does this with the Trinity.

God the Father & God the Son: [Matthew 11:27](#)

[Matthew 27:43](#)

The Trinity & Us: [1 Timothy 1:10-11](#)

Jesus knows what it is to be trusted in by the Father, and He wants us to extend that kind of relationship to us!

Whose trust have you earned? Your best friend? Spouse? Boss? Neighbors? Children? Parents?

FROM BETRAYAL TO TRUST

Jesus was betrayed by Peter: [John 18:15-27](#)

Jesus restored Peter: [John 21:7-23](#)

Peter felt what it was like to have back Jesus' trust. And from there, Peter trusted Jesus, to the point of death!

We betray God and He keeps trying!

Like Peter, we daily act in ways that are not in accordance with God's character: God is gentle, loving, kind, forgiving, accepting, present, encouraging, empowering, nurturing, truthful, honest, good, trustworthy, etc. And we are...not! But even though Jesus was betrayed, He sought out Peter.

How has God sought you after you have betrayed Him?