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Ask, Seek, Knock

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## Matthew 7:7-12

### Ask

- ✓ A humble \_\_\_\_\_ of need
- ✓ Ask with the right \_\_\_\_\_

### Seek

- ✓ There is \_\_\_\_\_ in searching after God

### Knock

- ✓ The closed door is an \_\_\_\_\_ to God's presence

Our persistence may not win out in the end, but the heavenly Father loves His children and will answer their prayer

Prayer is not aligning God's will around our will; it is aligning our will around God's will

### The Golden Rule

- ✓ in this statement, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself from all other world religions by making it \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ This is more about the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ than the absence of \_\_\_\_\_

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## Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Read verses 7-8 again.
  - What do these three words (ask, seek, knock) have in common?
  - How are they different from one another?
  - How is this command progressive in nature?
  - How would your prayer life change if you were convinced that these verses were a sequence (and progressive) rather than repetition?
3. Reread verses 9-11. What comparison is Jesus making here? What can we learn from this illustration?
4. What does this part of Jesus' sermon show us about God's heart? What does it show us about our position as God's children?
5. Read Hebrews 4:16 and Hebrews 11:6. What do these verses say about how we should approach God and how faith plays a role in that?
6. Jesus told two parables found in Luke's Gospel; Luke 11:5-13 and Luke 18:1-8.
  - What is the lesson these two parables teach?
  - How do they relate to today's study in Matthew 7?
7. How does verse 12 relate to this passage on prayer? What does it show us about the importance of our actions toward others?

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 7:7-12) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?