

"We are beggars! This is true."

Matthew 7:7-12
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF MAY 10-16, 2026

- (1) Read Matthew 7:1-12.
 - (a) What are the main ideas of the two sections in this passage (vv 1-6 and 7-12)?
 - (b) How are these sections connected?
 - (c) What clue do we have in verse 12 that shows that Jesus is concluding the main section that began in Matthew 5:17?
- (2) How does the idea of "begging" fit what Jesus teaches in Matthew 7:7-12?
- (3) How do each of the verbs in verses 7-8 (ask... seek... knock) help us in our relationship with God?
 - (a) Why should we understand *prayer* to be vital to obeying what Jesus commands here?
 - (b) How does the word "seek" help us commit to being active regarding our prayers and obedience?
 - (c) What does the imagery of continuing to knock encourage us to in our dependence on God?
 - (d) How are you doing in each of these areas (asking, seeking, knocking)?
- (4) Why do many people assume that Jesus is essentially giving a "blank check" here for asking God whatever we want?
 - (a) Why is that wrong? (Consider John 15:7; 1 John 3:22, 5:14-15; Matthew 21:22; and James 1:5-8.)
 - (b) What is a better way to understand what Jesus is calling us to in our life with God?
- (5) How does the "Golden Rule" (v 12) relate to verses 7-11?
 - (a) Why is this important for us?
 - (b) How does verse 12 get to the heart of all biblical commandments?
(Check this against Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:39; Galatians 5:14.)
- (6) What are one or two tangible steps you need to take in your life to prayerfully and actively respond to Jesus in this passage?