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The Art of the Gift Matthew 7:7-12 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

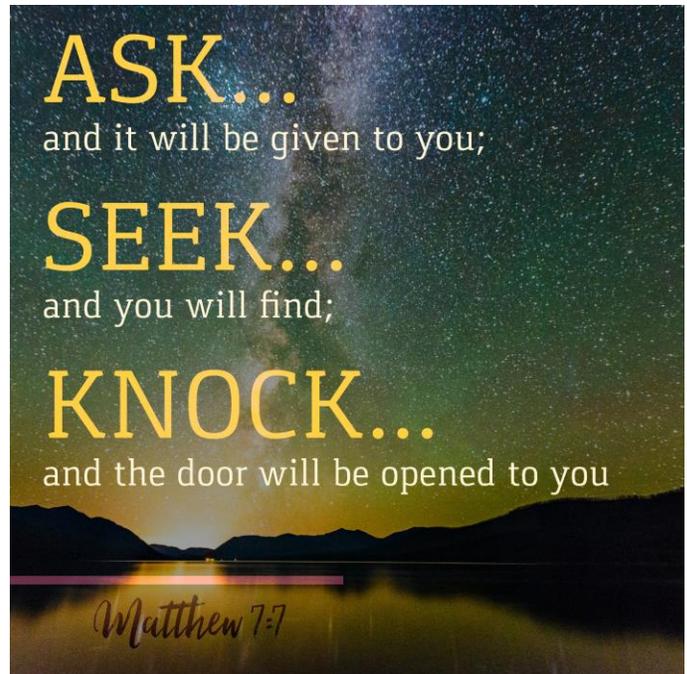
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Have you ever lost something and when you looked for it over and over you still could not find it? Our passage today from the Sermon on the Mount talks about us seeking. It says when we ask and when we seek and when we knock then we will receive and we will find and we will be answered. The passage is not talking about looking for our car keys or our wallet it is talking about seeking Christ and asking God. God does not hide from us. The passage also talks about God giving good gifts. We know how to give good gifts but God knows how to give even better gifts. The issue is not God giving good gifts it is us asking for bad ones. Join us this Sunday as we talk about How God is always there when we seek Him and how He is ready to give us perfect gifts when we ask.

Matthew 7:7-12 New English Translation

Ask, Seek, Knock

⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for

a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you then, although you 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! ¹²In everything, treat others as you would want them to treat you, for this fulfills the law and the prophets.

🕒 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Looking at verse 7, if we ask and seek what will we find? What are we asking and seeking for?

9. How do we seek?

10. Is verse 11 promising to give us whatever we ask for?

11. What does treating others as you would want to be treated accomplish?

12. How do parts of this passage relate to chapter 6? (there is not just one right answer)

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. What gifts has God given to you?

14. Do we have to ask for gifts for God to give them to us?

15. Does God ever ignore us?

16. Why should we pray for things when God is only going to give us what He wants to give us?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...