

Life Group Lesson

November 7, 2010

“Ask, Seek, Knock”

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though 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! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.” – Matthew 7:7-12

Illustration:

If your child was lost, would you just simply ask around to see if anyone has seen them? Would you seek them out? Would you knock on every door in the neighborhood to find them? How desperate would you be to find them?

These questions are meant as tools to get your group talking and discussing the sermon. Don't feel like you have to use all the questions. Let these questions help you develop your own questions about this topic. The point is getting your people to interact about the topic.

Questions:

1. How do idolatry, pride, and a hard heart keep you from asking, seeking and knocking?
2. What is asking, seeking, and knocking more about – getting from God or getting to know God?
3. Asking, seeking and knocking seem to be progressive steps of desperation for God. What level is your spiritual life on – asking, seeking, or knocking?
4. When we don't get what we want, does that mean that God hates us?
5. How we use our talents (opportunities) for God directly reflects our desperation level for Him (asking, seeking, knocking). At what level of desperation for God are you using your opportunities for Him?
6. What opportunities (talents) are you using for God?
7. For what treasure are you asking, seeking, and knocking?
8. Read Matthew 6:33. The first part is about seeking God. The second part is about God adding to your life. How are these connected? How do they affect one another?
9. When Christ says to ask, seek and knock, we must be sure that whatever it is that we are asking, seeking and knocking about is in line with God's kingdom and His righteousness. This means that when we come to God and ask we need to come and ask with right motives. What is the motive of your asking, seeking, and knocking? Is what you ask, seek, and knock for in line with God's Kingdom and Righteousness?
10. Ask, Seek, and Knock are present imperatives, which means they are something we should be presently persistent in. Literally translated, they say “keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking”. Is this how you ask, seek, and knock or do you do it a couple times and then give up? How persistent are you in prayer? How desperate are you for God to move on your or other's behalf?