

7. (a) From what you have learned from Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7, what does verse 12 refer to?

(b) What have you learned about God's doings with us in verses 9-11 that will help you know how to "do to others"?

8. Is there a situation you are currently facing where you need to persistently ask, seek and knock? What attribute of a kingdom citizen do you need the Holy Spirit to work in your life? Pray with your partner about these needs.

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Homework for Lesson Nineteen

Ask, Seek & Knock

Your homework will help sharpen your understanding of the Bible and is a ministry to others as you share your answers in your small group. Prayerfully think through each answer with the expectation of sharing with others what God has taught you.

Memory Work: Matthew 7:7-12

1. What is the meaning of each of these words in regard to prayer?

(a) Ask

(b) Seek

(c) Knock

2. (a) What are the results of asking, seeking and knocking in Matthew 7:7-8?

(b) How do these promises comfort you?

3. Review what Jesus has taught in His sermon thus far concerning a kingdom citizen (Matthew 5:1-7:6).

(a) Which of God's requirements should we continually ask Him to help us obey?

(b) What are some of the things we pray for instead? (See Matthew 6:31-33; James 4:3)

4. Read Matthew 7:9-10. (a) What are some ways that sinful, earthly fathers provide and care for their children?

(b) What attributes of God assure us that He will always answer our prayers perfectly?

5. Read Luke 11:5-13. (a) What similar principle does Jesus teach in the parable of the persistent friend?

(b) What gift does Jesus specifically say that our Heavenly Father will give those who ask Him in Luke 11:13?

(c) Why is this so important?

6. (a) Why do you think Christians don't rely on the promises of God to answer their prayers?

(b) What happens when we try to obey Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount in our own power?