

SERMON GUIDE

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

Matthew 7:7-11

EVERY PROVISION NEEDED FOR KINGDOM LIVING IS AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW.

OUTLINE

To daily acquire the provisions for Kingdom life . . .

1. I must daily need the power of God (v. 7).
2. I must daily believe the promise of God (v. 8).
3. I must daily trust the parenting of God (vv. 9-11).

REFLECT

1. Think about what prayerlessness says about your view of yourself, God, and the world.
2. Meditate on Isaiah 40:28–31. How does this passage contrast God with man? In light of this passage, how should you relate to God?
3. Consider how God has shown himself to be a good Father in your life. Trust him to be a good Father in the unknown future.

PRAY

1. Ask God to give you a greater awareness of your need for him to work in and through you.
2. Talk to God about the many ways you need him to work today.
3. Ask God to teach you to turn to him first in your time of need.

DISCUSS

1. What are the biggest obstacles to a healthy prayer life? How might you think and live differently so that these obstacles are removed?
2. In light of the promises of this passage, how do we rightly process “unanswered” prayer?
3. What are the “good things” that God promises to give to those who ask?
4. How has God shown himself faithful in your life by answering prayer?

