

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**  
Applying this message to everyday life

1. Historically, which is the greater problem to your prayers; wrong answers or no answer? How do you persist in prayer even with these problems?
2. What practice(s) do you have in order to keep your prayer life vitalized?
3. What benefit does fasting add to your prayers?
4. Spend time together praying for each other according to anything that was shared during your Life Group today.

*Prayer Matters*  
#585 – Ask, Seek, Knock  
Matthew 7:7-11

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**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.

Matthew 7:7-8

**Understanding the Command**

At times, we may ask for things that we think are \_\_\_\_\_ but that would actually bring us \_\_\_\_\_ if we received them.

When we are more concerned about the \_\_\_\_\_ and reputation of God than we are concerned about our own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, we will have a powerful basis for prayer.

Seek \_\_\_\_\_, before seeking His \_\_\_\_\_.

Prayer is much more than receiving \_\_\_\_\_ to requests. Prayer is an invitation to a \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

**Knock and the Door Will be Opened to You**

The primary door is a greater understanding of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:9)

A second door is a door of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 14:27)

Through faith, God will open up doors of ministry \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 16:9)

These doors lead to a door of \_\_\_\_\_, to speak the mystery of Christ. (Colossians 4:3)

The prayer of a Christian is not an \_\_\_\_\_ to force God's hand, but a humble acknowledgement of \_\_\_\_\_ on Him.

## GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. What is your favorite color? Why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. As a child, did you have any routine prayer rituals? If so, what were they?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Can you think of any situation where your parent(s) did not give you what you wanted, but later you realized this was for your best interest?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

### Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. This same teaching on Ask, Seek, Knock is found in Luke 11:9-13. However, the prior verses starting at Luke 11:5 add an illustration about persistence in asking. Explain why is persistence important.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read the account of Elijah's bold prayer and God's amazing answer in 1 Kings 18:16-40. What does this account teach you about prayer?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Read Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9:1-19. How does his prayer support all we that have learned about prayer so far in our series, Prayer Matters?