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Gospel of the Kingdom – Giving God

Matthew 7:7-11

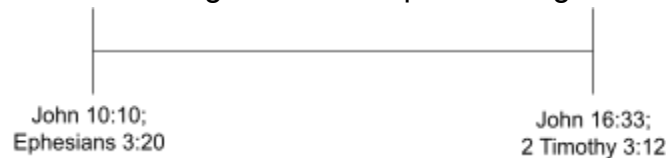
Summary: Jesus tells his disciples to ask, seek, and knock and they will receive, find, and have doors opened. The statement is unconditional and extends to everyone. Does this mean we can demand that God give us whatever we want? Or find anything that our heart desires? Or force open every door we encounter? Context is king and Jesus' sermon provides the interpretation of this statement.

Scripture – Matthew 7:7-11, 6:9-10, 33; Job 23:10; 2 Corinthians 12:7; John 10:10, 16:33; Ephesians 3:20; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Corinthians 2:9; 1 Peter 4:12-13; 1 Chronicles 17:3

Community Group Questions

Introduction

- Faith is not a currency to be used to buy what you want from God.
- “Faith is like a tension bridge.” What keeps the bridge balanced?



- In what ways in your life has God still been enough when everything went wrong?
- What prayers in your life has God answered with “yes, no, or wait?”

Ask, Seek, and Knock (Matthew 7:7-11)

- “Asking for believers is not getting my way, but getting God’s will.” Do we have the right goals or seek the right things?
- “You were created by God for His kingdom to live in His presence.”
- Have you questioned the goodness of God based on His answer to your prayers?
- “God is a good dad and he gives good gifts to His kids.”
- “God’s spirit will hover over my chaos and will bring order.”
- “Still He seeks the fellowship of His people, and sends them both sorrows and joys in order to detach their love from other things and attach it to Himself.”
– J.I. Packer