

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / SEPT 1

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

Read Matthew 7:7–11 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “Praying for wisdom is asking God to equip you for every other blessing he wants to provide in your life.”
- “When we see prayer solely as a transaction, it ends up producing anger, bitterness, and despair when God doesn’t answer.”
- “Prayer is the connection that bridges the gap between our impotence and God’s omnipotence. Our lack connects with his supply; our needs connect with his riches.”
- “If we’re going to connect with God through prayer, Jesus gives us three words that should characterize our prayer lives: persistent, expectant, and intimate.”

Group Discussion

1. How do you understand the connection between prayer and wisdom in Matthew 7:7–11? How can this shape our approach to prayer?
2. As we begin 40 Days of Prayer, how do you intend to ask, seek, and knock? What actions will you take to make this time impactful? Consider pausing here to pray together, asking God to guide your engagement with 40 Days of Prayer.
3. The sermon emphasized prayer as a connection, not a transaction. How does this perspective change your view of unanswered prayers?
4. What challenges do you face in maintaining a persistent prayer life? How can our group support one another in this area?

CHALLENGE

- Download The Summit Church app and use the Daily Revival feature to revitalize your time in God’s Word and prayer. Visit summitchurch.com/get-our-app.
- Get the 40 Days of Prayer guide at summitchurch.com/prayer and join our church in prayer.

PRAYER

- Ask:** What do you want to see God do? What do you need?
- Seek:** Seek God’s face. Call out for his glory. Worship. Recount what God shows you about himself.
- Knock.** Pray for God to open doors for the gospel in closed countries and for unreached peoples. Ask God to open doors for *you* to share the gospel.