



Sunday, July 14, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Rick Thompson

# Ask Courageously!

Matthew 7:7-11

**Ask and it will be given to you**

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who give generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

**James 1:5-6**

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him.

**1 John 5:14-15**

## **Seek and you will find**

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding - indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

**Proverbs 2:1-7**

If you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to you.

**Matthew 7:11**

## **Knock and the door will be opened to you**

To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

**Revelation 3:7-8**

## **Application Questions:**

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- 1. *What are you asking God to give you today?***
- 2. *What are you seeking today?***
- 3. *What is the door that you're knocking on today?***



# 1:10 HOMEWORK

groups

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

## Getting Started

1. As a child, what did you want to grow up to be and why?
2. **Read Matthew 7:7-11.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

## Digging Deeper

3. How do you respond when a child asks you for something? In what circumstances would you say “Yes” and what circumstances would you say “No”? How does God respond when we ask for something?
4. Do you struggle to believe that God always responds to his children? If so, why?
5. In verses **Matthew 7:7-8**, the disciples are told to ask, seek, and knock. What do these three words have in common? As Pastor Rick showed us, they are also very different from one another. What are some of the ways that they are different?
6. Read **Matthew 6:8-13**. How does that passage of scripture compliment the passage of **Matthew 7:7-11**?
7. Listening is one of the hardest elements of prayer because we are not filling up the silence with our own thoughts, words, and intentions. A response to the instructions of prayer that Matthew 7:7-11 sets up for us, is to listen. What are some disciplines that we can practice to help us become more comfortable with listening?
8. Read **Matthew 7:12**. How would the world be better if we practiced this teaching?

## Up Close

9. What is the BIG story here that Jesus hopes we will take away from this teaching? How can you apply it to your daily prayer life?
  10. Prayer requests? Using the guidelines that Jesus set forth for us, end in prayer.
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*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.  
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.*

## Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel in Syracuse.

## Personal Prayer Items

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## Word Find for Matthew 7:7-14 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

7 Ask, and it will be **given** to you; **seek**, and you will **find**; **knock**, and it will be **opened** to you. 8 For **everyone** who asks **receives**, and the one who **seeks finds**, and to the one who **knocks** it will be **opened**. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for **bread**, will **give** him a **stone**? 10 Or if he asks for a **fish**, will **give** him a **serpent**?

11 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! 12 So whatever you wish that **others** would do to you, do **also** to them, for this is the Law and the **Prophets**. 13 **Enter** by the **narrow gate**. For the **gate** is wide and the way is easy that **leads** to destruction, and those who **enter** by it are many. 14 For the **gate** is **narrow** and the way is hard that **leads** to life, and those who **find** it are few.

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