



PART 2: ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

INTRODUCTION

What should we do when our current reality feels harder, more exhausting, and less fulfilling than we imagined? Jesus teaches truths that can help us find purpose in our lives as they are right now. If we put these truths into practice they will allow us to live more meaningful lives, find value in our present reality, and create a more hopeful future. So what should we do? The next right thing.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:7-12
Matthew 18:3

Luke 18:1
Mark 16:34

Luke 11:5-13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you need to change about your current circumstances?
2. Jesus is comparing 2 ways of motivating people to do what we want:
 - Judgment (see Matthew 7:1-5), which is controlling people by manipulation and deceit by exposing their faults and hiding our own.
 - Simply Asking (see Matthew 7:7-8), which requires honesty, humility, and treating people with dignity.Which of these 2 ways works best with you, when others want to motivate you?
Which of these 2 ways do you default to when you want to motivate others?
3. If you're a parent, have your kids ever asked for something you knew was not good for them? How did you respond? Have your kids ever gone around you?
4. Have you ever gone around God to get or do something that you wanted in the moment?
5. Read Matthew 7:12. Pastor Will said, "Whatever benefits us or gives us an advantage is often what guides our decisions. Now, let that guide your decisions towards others." Who is it most difficult for you to let that guide your decisions toward?
6. Who can you do something good for today?

Application Prayer: Lord, I will keep on asking, seeking, and knocking. I trust you to provide good things, even if they look different from what I'm asking for. Use me to do good to others as I would like good done to me.

*When it comes to prayer:
Keep it simple - Keep it real - Keep it up*