GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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I CAN'T BELIEVE IN A GOD WHO...
Doesn't Answer My Prayers
Matthew 7:7-11
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NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Share your story: *What's the biggest thing for which you ever asked—and then received it? What was your motive in asking? Tell us that story. (7-10 min)*
3. Read Matthew 7:7-11.
4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)

What is significant about the order of Ask, Seek, Knock?

Does it represent some sort of progression in the possible fulfillment of our prayers?

Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 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! (Matthew 7:9-10)

What qualifies as a "good thing" when it comes to the requests we make of God?

Pastor Kim used to say, "When entreating God for something, always ask yourself: "Am I willing to make this request in the name of Jesus?" How could that be helpful to us when it comes to knowing what's a "good thing" according to Matthew 7:10?

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If someone asks you to pray for him or her, what clarifying questions could you ask before praying for them?

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

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