

August 16, 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING *Lk. 11:1-13; Jn. 16:16-24; Ph. 4:1, 4-9*

PRAYER & WELCOME

SONG SERVICE

COMMUNITY MOMENT

Baby Dedication

CORPORATE PRAYER

Marc & Cindy

SONG

MESSAGE from the Word

Pastor Steve

"Kingdom Character – Start Praying"

Matthew 7:7-12

INVITATION & BENEDICTION

Thank you for worshipping with us today

Fresh Encounter Wednesday 5:00–6:15 at the church's property: corner of Whipple and Central...enter off Central, bring a lawn chair. Come when you can, leave when you must, come enjoy fellowship, scripture and prayer...

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: JOB 13 & 14

Our Offering Box is Located in the rear of the Chapel

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK:

Monday

6:00pm: I John Study via Zoom

Tuesday

8:30am: Ladies' Prayer

Wednesday

11:00am: Ladies' Bible Study

5:00pm: Fresh Encounter @ Church Property

Saturday

6:30am: PB & J – Men's Breakfast & Study

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There are two ways to approach the Sermon on the Mount:

#1 - is proudly, believing it to be a list of humanly attainable, M _____ precepts.

#2 – with a deep sense of the need for God's G _____.

God is not a celestial slot machine.

A text without a C _____ text is a P _____ text. The Sermon sets down what is expected of kingdom citizens.

This text is not *carte blanche* for our material desires - Jesus teaches us to pray for our S _____ L _____.

I. WE ARE TO PRAY WITH P _____ (vv.7, 8)

- ✦ "Ask" implies asking for a conscious N _____.
- ✦ The next step, "seek," involves asking but adds A _____.
- ✦ "Knock" includes asking plus acting plus P _____.
- The orist imperative gives O _____ definite command,
- The present imperative, commands C _____ action—"
- Do we persist in our prayers for spiritual G _____???
- Do we "ask ... seek ... knock" for a P _____ M _____?
- Do we keep on knocking for a forgiving spirit or for the removal of an A _____ or C _____ spirit?

We pray passionately for our spiritual development only when we sense our need for God's G _____.

God's kingdom requires righteousness—P _____;

- ❖ We are called to be holy as He is holy (Le.19.2).
- ❖ We know that though we do good things, we are E _____—
- ❖ that all of us, Jews & Greeks, are under S _____ (Ro.3.9).
- ❖ The sight of God's perfect standard & our sin drives us to our K _____ & to His grace.
- ❖ We learn that there is no hope apart from His unearned F _____.
- ❖ There is no hope for spiritual improvement apart from His continuing L _____ & M _____.

The one who sees this rejoices when he reads Jesus' invitation to "ask ... seek ... knock."

We are to ask & keep on asking for those things that will make us more like J _____.

The treasures Christ gives are E _____ ours & E _____ satisfying. He will not give it to us until we are R _____.

II. WE ARE TO PRAY WITH C _____ (vv.7-11)

God gives greater Q _____ & Q _____ than we imagine in our prayers. God will give us anything that is good for us S _____...

CONCLUSION:

Do we want the character of the kingdom in our lives?

What spiritual qualities do you lack but would like to have?

2. Pray passionately for them—keep asking, seeking, knocking.
3. Have confidence that God your Father will give them to you.