



Series: Promises

Sermon: Part 8: Ask, Seek, Knock

Date: Sunday, August 20th, 2023

Some Of The Ways We Can Treat God Like A Genie:

1. We only go to God when we need something

2. We tell God to grant our wishes exactly the way we want them to turn out

3. We forget about God once we get what we want

_____ is both listening and talking to God.

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

“Ask, seek, and knock” are commands that Jesus gives that are to be done by the person in prayer over and over and over again.

Omniscient: all knowing

“Ask”

This act of asking in prayer is showing a _____ on God for needs that can be met no other way.

“Seek”

“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

“Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

“Knock”

We have to be careful because not all opportunities that come up are from God.

Asking, seeking, and knocking are things that are _____ done together, again and again, for all our decisions and for all our unknowns.



Actions In Asking, Seeking, & Knocking

1. Asking is _____, where we use our mouths

2. Seeking is with our _____ and _____

3. Knocking is _____, where we take action and step out in faith

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?” (Matthew 7:9-10)

“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!” (Matthew 7:11)

Asking, seeking, and knocking are a must when it comes to prayer because it not only allows us to rely on God for our lives, it not only allows us to develop a deeper relationship with Him, but it allows us to be one with Him.

God is there to guide us and lead us in all things if we will allow Him to guide us and lead us in all things.

Bottom Line: *Ask, Seek, Knock*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. *In what ways have you treated God as a genie?*
2. *What is something that has been on your mind that you can ask God about, seek His will, and knock as you look for the opportunities as to where He may be leading you?*
3. *How can the exercise of asking, seeking, and knocking be an invitation for you to draw closer to God in deeper relationship and not just go to Him as a genie?*

Songs used in service: Stand In Your Love (Josh Baldwin), In Christ Alone (Stuart Townend), This Is Our God (Phil Wickham), Good Lord (David Leonard), God So Loved (We The Kingdom)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?