

## Applying God's Word

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**This Week's Passage:** Matthew 7:7-12

**Corresponding Sermon from King's Church:** "Loving God & Loving Others"

### Opening Discussion

1. Read this week's passage together.
2. Share *your* immediate observations from this text. Was there anything shared in Sunday's sermon that stuck out to *you*?
3. In what ways were you able to see *yourself* in the sermon and in the text?

### Going Deeper

1. In this passage Jesus brings home the core elements of the Sermon on the Mount. The first element he focuses our attention on is our need for a right relationship with our heavenly Father. We are called to recognize his love and goodness and continually seek him through prayer and trusting him with the results.
  - A. How does prayer indicate the health of our relationship with the Father?
  - B. How can we trust that God is good even when our prayers aren't answered the way we hoped?
2. In this passage Jesus also calls us to right relationships with other people. By appealing to our natural understanding of right and wrong when we are personally affected, Jesus calls us to treat others the way we want to be treated.
  - A. What are some ways we fail to do this?
  - B. Think about how you would like to be treated (i.e. in your marriage, as an employee or boss, as a brother or sister in Christ, etc...) and discuss how that might affect how we treat others in those circumstances. Give specific examples.