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## Engaging God

### Matthew 7:7-11

*Life in the kingdom of God means the eternal things we learn to be looking for can only be found outside ourselves...\_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 1.** For you, what does “keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking” look like? Can you give any examples of ways you have continuously or repetitively asked God for something? What has that process taught you?

*God’s invitation to us is not merely to enter the kingdom of heaven, but to walk in relationship with Him and \_\_\_\_\_ it together, asking freely, seeking deeply, and opening every door.*

**Discussion 2.** Why do you suppose it pleases God so much when we are genuinely curious about His kingdom, asking questions and seeking answers? What can you do to foster curiosity in your own heart? In the hearts of others?

*God wants quality time with us, and He wants us to find joy in this world. However, like any parent, He understands that the things we want are not always the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ for us. And, as a loving father, He intends that pathway for us.*

**Discussion 3.** Can you think of a time when you prayed for one thing and did not receive it but, in retrospect, you see that God had something better for you? Do you believe that is even true when God permits painful circumstances or seasons in our lives, that it is for our good? Do you have an example?

*For some, the parent-child relationship may not resonate as an adequate metaphor for God and us. But still, for the vast majority of parents over all of time, it does help us understand just how much God wants \_\_\_\_\_ for us.*

**Discussion 4.** While the parent-child relationships in our own lives may fall short of being a perfect illustration of God, can you think of particular ways yours (either as a child or as a parent) DO help you better understand God?