



Seeking Ancient Truth

Like people have done for thousands of years, if we seek after God, we will find Him and all the amazing promises He holds for us!

Discussion Questions:

Matthew 7:7-8

Action Step of Faith:

What will you do differently or start doing this week as result of today's discussion?

Adapted from Informal Bible Study Discussion Guide for the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 7

Read Matthew 7:6-8

1. How would Jesus and his listeners view dogs and pigs (swine)? See Matthew 15:26-27; Philippians 3:2; 2 Peter 2:22; and Revelation 22:15.
2. What do sacred things and pearls have in common?
3. What is the warning at the end of verse 6 about?
4. In verses 7 and 8, the disciples are told to ask, seek, and knock.
 - a. This sequence is repeated twice. Why?
 - b. What do these three words have in common?
 - c. How are they different from one another?
 - d. Asking, seeking, and knocking form a connected sequence.
 - i. How are these ideas connected in terms of levels of required effort?
 - ii. How are these actions connected in terms of situations where they are each action is appropriate?
5. How could the sequence of asking, seeking, and knocking affect your prayer life?
6. Explain the connection between verse 6 (dogs, pigs, holy things, and pearls) and verses 7 and 8 (ask, seek, knock).
7. Read Luke 11:5-13 and Luke 18:1-6. These are two related parables illustrating the principle in Matthew 7:7-8.
 - a. What is the lesson that both these parables teach?
 - b. Did you notice anything new or noteworthy in these readings in Luke that sheds new light on our passage here in Matthew 7?
8. What kinds of things does God hope we will ask Him for based on the scripture reviewed in this discussion.

Sermon Notes: