



Living the Jesus Way - Part 2

Session 3:

HOW TO RESPOND TO THE MOST CHALLENGING WORDS EVER SPOKEN

Matthew 7:7-12

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

⁹ “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ 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! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.”

Notes:

1. The Bible - How would you determine the most challenging words ever spoken?
2. Matthew 7:7-8 - Reach Out For God
3. Matthew 7:11 - Relate To Your Father
4. Matthew 7:9-10 - Rely On God's Goodness
5. Matthew 7:11 - Receive “Good Gifts”
6. Matthew 7:12 - Rise To The Challenge

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How many of the five practical steps do you employ in your daily life? What could you do to ensure that you are constantly employing all five?
2. How can we rise to the challenge of “do(ing) to others what you would have them do to you” (Matthew 7:12)? What opportunities have you had to rise to the challenge?
3. What difference would it make to our society if all Christians lived with these steps in mind all the time?
4. Which of the five practical steps do you find it most easy to implement? Why? How have you demonstrated this particular step recently?
5. Do you find it difficult to live out your faith according to Jesus’ words? Which aspects of living counter-culturally do you struggle with?
6. Jesus lived among the poor. Why did He choose to do that? What does this teach us?

7. Is it this....



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