

# TAKEAWAY

## The Radical King

### Transformation through the story of Jesus

**ASK, SEEK, KNOCK**  
**SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2020**

#### INTRODUCTION

On Sunday, Andy explored the next part of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 7:7-11.

#### PRAY

That the truth of God's Word will be revealed to us and cemented in our hearts and that God will be working in and through us as we discuss this topic.

#### DISCUSS

1. What's the best gift you've ever received?

#### READ

Matthew 7:7-11

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2. How easy do you find it to ask for help, to be vulnerable and to give up control? Why do you think this is? (Ironically this question requires being vulnerable and open!)

3. In what ways do you find it easiest and hardest to connect with God? (through prayer, scripture, sung worship etc.)

4. God promises that nothing can separate us from his love (Romans 8:38-39), but we don't always feel as though we experience this. How close would you say that you feel to God? Has lockdown affected this?

#### EXPLAIN

We experience God in different levels of closeness throughout our lives, sometimes we feel so close and sometimes we feel a million miles away. We're often led by our feelings and may often find praying more difficult when we don't 'feel' like God's there. This passage tells us that no matter how we're feeling, God wants to give us good gifts and that he wants to give more of himself to us. He promises that when we ask it will be given, when we seek we will find and when we knock the door will be opened to us.

5. How easy do you find it to believe that God wants to give good gifts and more of himself to you when you pray?

6. Have there ever been times where you've prayed and felt as though God hasn't answered? Does this change how you see God?

#### EXPLAIN

God cannot give bad gifts – it's impossible! God demonstrates his generosity through sending Jesus to take the punishment for our sins. More than this he gives us His Holy Spirit to help us know that we are children of God. His best gift isn't material, it's His presence with us.



## READ

Luke 11:13

Romans 8:16

## DISCUSS

7. What do these verses tell us about God and our relationship with Him?

8. How can we know and experience the truth of the passages we've read?

## PRAY

Pray for anything on your heart or mind, knowing that God is generous and wants to give good gifts.

Pray that we will know that God is our Father in a deeper way and that we will receive more of His Holy Spirit in our lives.

