



Title: Love One Another

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Scripture Text: Matthew 7:7-12

Sermon Series: Inside-Out

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We continue our look at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount by looking at the issue of prayer and loving one another. When taken in context, today's passage is addressing our role in the edification process. God desires to use us in one another's lives. Specifically, by *removing* the logs and splinters ([vss. 1-5](#)) and *refraining* from speaking ([vs. 6](#)).

I. Rely on God's Power (Matthew 7:7-8)

Jesus is commanding His listeners to pray! A prayerless believer will never experience the potential God has for them. It is impossible to be all God desires apart from His directing. Jesus gives an ascending sense of urgency in prayer: ASK – admission of our *dependance*, SEEK – act of *diligence*, and KNOCK – expression of *desperation*.

The Bible gives additional guidelines in prayer:

- Must be His child to come to the Father.
 - What does it mean to be a child of God?
 - Give examples of how Jesus prayed to His heavenly Father.
- Must be living in obedience ([1 John 3:21-22](#))
 - How do we know what God wants us to do (how can we be obedient)?
 - How can being obedient to God help our prayer life?
 - Can we live obediently in our own power?
 - If not, how do we?
- Motive must be right ([James 4:3](#))
 - What are examples of praying with wrong motives?
 - Where should our focus be when laying our petitions before God in prayer?

Our prayer must not be for options but for His answer!

II. Remember God's Practice (Matthew 7:9-11)

God always answers the prayers of His people! His answer may be 'yes', 'no', or 'not now'. Regardless, His answers are always for our good ([Jer. 29:11-13](#)). Trusting that He has our best in mind, we must believe that His answer to our prayer is the best answer... even when it's not the answer we wanted.

- How can trusting God's answers to our prayers effect our relationship with Him?
- Describe a time when you didn't get the answer you wanted from God, but later realized it was the best answer.

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III. Reflect God's Purpose (Matthew 7:12)

Jesus concludes this section with a call to action, to treat others as you want to be treated. The word *therefore* suggests that His instructions draw an application from the preceding section. Since the preceding verses describes God's gracious and loving provision for His children, the reference probably implies that to follow [vs. 12](#) shows the disciple's resemblance to their heavenly Father.

- How can treating others as you want to be treated be a reflection of Jesus?
- How can obeying [vs. 12](#) build up the church?
- How can obeying [vs. 12](#) help bring others to a saving knowledge of Jesus?
- What are ways you can do a better job of treating others as you want to be treated?