



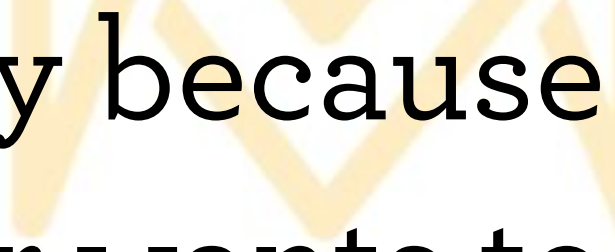
Answer the King: *Bread or a Stone?*

Discussion Questions

Date: October 13, 2019 | **Scripture:** Matthew 7:7-11

1. Read Matthew 7:7-11. What stands out to you?
2. How has your prayer life been lately? What has God been teaching you through prayer this past month? What about your prayer life do you wish would be better?
3. Jesus says we should pray because God cares for us—he desires to help (vv.9-11). When you pray, how do you view God? Do you see him as a reluctant provider or eager Father? How should Jesus' comparison of an earthly parent and our heavenly Father radically transform our approach to prayer?
4. Jesus also says we should pray because God is capable—he is able to help (v. 8). Is it hard to believe that the God of the Bible is the God of today? Why do you think that is? What are some ways we can remind ourselves that God not only wants to help, but is able to help?
5. Jesus urges us to pray because God answers prayer (v. 7). Have you had some prayers answered recently? Were they answered in the way you wanted? How have you seen God's love and wisdom at work in your prayers? Are there some things in your life that you want to pray more specifically about? What are those?
6. One way to pray is to P.R.A.Y.—Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield. Has this been a helpful approach for you? Do you have a different pattern to pray? How can you develop a more consistent prayer life this week?

Leaders: A good idea may be to end your time in prayer, using P.R.A.Y. as your guide.



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