

## 2—Ask, Seek, Knock

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### INTRO:

#### I. → **Matthew 7:7-11**

*7 “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!”*

- II. Hillel Rule No. 1—“Kol V'Khomer” (light and heavy)  
Argumentum a fortiori—from the strength

### BODY:

#### I. **Asking What You Want**

- A. Prayer is not a formula, it is a principle of relationship.

1) **John 16:24**

*Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

2) **James 4:2**

*You have not, because you ask not.*

3) **SITTING DOWN WITH THE SCHOOL**

- B. The outcome is God’s job, the praying is our job.

1) **John 15:7**

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, **ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.***

2) “What ever you wish (subj), ask (imp)”

- 3) Knowing how to draw, but do not know what they like  
We know how to pray, but do we know what we want?

## II. Seeking What is Missing

- A. Prayer is not a passive thing, it requires full participation.
- 1) **2 Peter 1:4**  
*Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may **participate** in the divine nature.*
  - 2) **MONERGISM VS. SYNERGISM**
  - 3) Three present active participles
    - a) Everyone asking receives
    - b) Everyone seeking finds
    - c) Everyone knocking it shall be opened
- B. A bond forms in the process of the seeking.
- 1) **Jeremiah 29:12-13**  
*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*
  - 2) **CHASING DOWN MOLLY IN BREMERTON**

## III. Knocking on the Door

- A. There is a reward at the end of the struggle.
- 1) **Isaiah 22:22**  
*I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.*
  - 2) **SALMON SWIMMING UP STREAM**  
Pursuing the building
  - 3) **LORD OF THE RINGS: "SPEAK, FRIEND, AND ENTER"**
- B. The good news is God wants us to find Him!
- 1) **Revelation 3:20**  
*"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."*
  - 2) **INVITING KIDS AT CAMP**

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Proverbs 8:17-18

17 I love those who love me,  
and those who seek me find me.  
18 With me are riches and honor,  
enduring wealth and prosperity.

Psalms 145:13

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises  
and faithful in all he does.

John 14:13-14

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

1 Peter 5:6-7

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. (NKJV)