

## Prayer and Practice

Series: *Jesus Uncut – Sermon on the Mount*  
– Matthew 7:7-12 –

*“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”*

— Hebrews 11:6

### 1. Lifting it Up (vss. 7-11)

A. *Faith in our Father’s Promises*

B. *Trust in our Father’s Character*

### 2. Living it Out (vs. 12)

#### Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. Do you think Jesus is emphasizing persistence in prayer or God’s readiness to hear? What verse or point from this passage stands out to you the most and why?
3. What are you currently asking God for in your life? In your family’s life? In your co-worker’s lives? How would asking God for these things change if you really believed He wanted you to ask?
4. Compare this passage with Luke 18:1-8. How is it similar? Different?
5. Discuss the tension between persisting in prayer and praying in faith (i.e. how do we reconcile a strong view of God’s sovereignty with persistent prayer?).
6. As you think through verses 9-11, how has your perception of God changed over the years? How about your ability to trust in His goodness to give “good gifts” (see Prov. 30:8-9)?
7. How have you seen God change you through prayer?

