

WORSHIP

You may sing worship songs together.

WELCOME

Matthew 7:7-12

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

¹² "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Ask God to speak to your group, then read Matthew 7:7-12 aloud while the group listens, followed by a minute of quiet meditation (focus your mind on the words and ask God to show you what it means). You may repeat the reading and meditation a few times if the group feels it will be helpful. Then share with your group anything the Lord is showing you from this passage about Himself or yourself.

WORD

Look closely at the first word of verse 12. "So," or "Therefore," means "because these things are true." Discuss together how verse 12 might be a logical conclusion to verses 7-11. What does the golden rule have to do with praying and receiving answers from God?

"The Law and the Prophets" refers to what we now call the Old Testament, everything to the left of the beginning of the book of Matthew. These were the Scriptures that already existed at that time. Can anyone think of another time that Jesus summarized "the Law and the Prophets?"

Read Matthew 22:34-40. If you had to summarize the Law and the Prophets in one word, what word would that be? Can you describe how this one idea holds up the more than 600 commandments in the Old Testament?

Back to Matthew 7:7-12. Do you think Love (the genuine desire for, and proactive pursuit of, God's best for another person) could describe both the way God answers our prayers and the way He expects us to treat each other? Why or why not?

Often it feels nice to love and be loved in real ways, but not always. When we're dealing with sin or need help to grow, it can get uncomfortable.

Take the rest of your time to learn to love each other more effectively as a group. Is there a question that you wish others would ask you, or something you wish others would say to you? Share it with the group, and take this opportunity to say/ask that to others. Do you need help with something but you're afraid to ask? Share it with the group, and ask each other what help is needed.

Would your group benefit from regularly asking each member "what help do you need from the group?" If so, how often? Schedule a next time if that's needed.

WORK

Close your time together in prayer.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Singapore Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Core, Pastors, Leaders, and Families • Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Singapore Facilities

- CCF Singapore Center • Equipments

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God • Righteous living • Salvation of family and friends

