

GENESIS

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He's Not Like This, He's Like This!

Part of 'the Ask' Series – 4/15/12

Big Idea

How we think about God is the most important thing about us, because it shapes who we are and how we interact with God. God is a God who not only tells us to ask great things from Him, but He also promises that He will hear and answer our prayers. Jesus tells us to ask, seek, and knock not just once, but continually, because the Father will answer and give us what is good for us (Matt. 7:7-11). As we continually ask God for great things at GENESIS and in our own lives, God is working so as to give us a great testimony about His greatness while also inviting us to be used by Him in being an answer to our own 'Ask.'

Discussion Questions

1. When you think about God, what thoughts come into your mind? Is He a distance dictator? An impersonal force? A deity you have to work to please? Or do you see God as a loving Father who is for you? How does this affect the way you pray and what you are asking of God?
2. What often prevents us from coming to God are lies we believe about God. Are there any lies that you are believing about God that prevent you from coming to God – asking, seeking, and knocking?

Read Matthew 7:7-10.

3. Jesus is trying to heal our image of God. What do we learn about God from these few verses? Why is it so challenging for many to see God as Jesus portrays Him to be?
4. Often God will give us what is good for us even if we don't see it as good. As we spend time asking God to work, what might it look like for God to redefine what we think is "good"?
5. God invites us to 'Ask' so that we would have a testimony of God at work in our lives. As you consider the past few months, what would your testimony be? How would you tell the story of how you see God at work in you, through you, or around you?

Announcements

- **The Great Giveaway is May 19th @ 10AM** – there are still times for CG's to sign-up in order to help as we organize and help collect donations:
 - April 28th @ 9am – 1pm
 - May 12th @ 9am – 12:30pm, 1pm – 4:30pmIf interested in serving at The Great Giveaway, contact the events coordinator Tracy Alexander at tracy.alexander@genesisthejourney.com
- **The Perfect Blend is May 4th @ 8pm** – this will be an evening of music, art, story and some great desserts and coffee. This is a free relaxing evening of fun.
- **GENESIS South Boston** – we are trusting God to be able to plant GENESIS South Boston in September 2012. Please be praying for this and challenging people to think about committing to being a part of this plant. For more info, contact Brance Gillihan at Brance@genesisthejourney.com
- **Upcoming Series "Things Promised"** – this will be a three part series preached by Brance Gillihan focusing on learning to trust God and live in the hope of Christ.

sunday worship gathering at 9am & 11AM www.genesisthejourney.com