

**2023 Aim Check-in**

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
  - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
  2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

**Discussion Questions Set #1**

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 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!” (Matthew 7:7-11)

1. Discuss the following quote: “as well-trained consumers, it is often possible that we approach God in prayer with a “give me what I want, when and where I want it” mentality – a 7-11 approach to prayer”. How true do you think this is of a North American approach to prayer? How might you see aspects of this approach play out in our prayer?
2. In service, two kinds of 7-11 prayer were discussed – “God-as-ATM” and “hail Mary” prayer. What kind of expectations might develop if one ascribes to these types of prayer? How might these kinds of prayer be harmful to the development of a “love God wholeheartedly”, “love others as yourself” shaped life?
3. In service, it was suggested than rather than being a general teaching on prayer, Christ’s words in our passage might be more specifically related to the discernment necessary when we approach another person with a “good word from God”. How does reading these verses within the context of assisting a brother or sister to remove a speck of sin from their eye change your interpretation?
4. Be bold in answering this question in your group: how often do I ask for God to bless me with discernment in my interactions with others?

**Discussion Questions Set #2**

“[Our] Father knows what [we] need before [we] ask Him.” (Matthew 6:8)

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’”

(Matthew 6:9-13)

“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”. (Ephesians 5:25)

1. Why is it significant that our access to godly discernment comes through a relational and conversational reality with God? How might this help us shape our prayer life?
2. What difference does it make to you practically to know God as a Father in heaven who gives us good gifts?
3. What confidence does Ephesians 5:25 give you in your prayer life?
4. Discuss the following quote: to build genuine community in the church, we must be engaged in “asking, seeking and knocking” type prayer.