



## **UNFOLDED: Our Father Wants More for Us** October 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>st</sup>

Speaker: **Pastor Joshua Symonette**

Scripture Focus: [Matthew 7:7-11](#)

### **Note to Leaders:**

This weekend we talked about what Jesus meant by asking, seeking, and knocking. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow. You can also use these questions on your own to dive deeper into this week's sermon.

### **Sermon Series Questions:**

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

### **Specific Questions:**

1. How much do you trust your heavenly Father's intentions for you as his son or daughter?
2. When have you received something you wanted only to find out it wasn't what you wanted?
3. Pastor Joshua stated, "God doesn't want to just give you what you want. He wants to give you what you don't even know that you want or know to ask for." What have you been given that you didn't even know you wanted or know to ask for?
4. What points of references do we need to look back on to draw encouragement from? How can we use these reference points to encourage someone around us?

## Digging Deeper

This section provides additional resources, activities, and/or questions that can be done during group or personal devotional time.

### Listening Playlist

*“The safest place in the whole wide world is in the will of God; though trials be great, and the way seems hard, it's in the will of God.”*

**The Will of God** - Karen Clark Sheard  
*Finally Karen (1997)*

<https://youtu.be/ceZeZysUfGo>

*“Like a rushing wind, Jesus breathe within. Lord have Your way, Lord have Your way in me.”*

**I Surrender** – Matt Crocker  
*Cornerstone (2012)*

<https://youtu.be/yUle4-aZojg>

### Doable Discipleship

#### *Unfolding Your Prayers*

Pastor Joshua stated that, "Prayer isn't about asking for what you want but positioning yourself for what God wants." This activity will guide you in unfolding your prayer to gain a greater understand of your prayers and how to actively pursue it.

1. Write your 1-2 sentences of a BOLD prayer request down on an index card or piece of paper.
2. On the back of the card or paper, reflect & answer these questions:
  - **ASK** – *The Palate of our Prayer* – What are the intentions behind this prayer?
  - **SEEK** – *The Pursuit of our Prayer* – How will you actively pursue this prayer?
  - **KNOCK** – *The Perseverance of our Prayer* – Who can partner with you in this prayer?

### Recommended Resources

*Decisive: How to Make Better Choices in Life and Work (2013)*

By Chip Heath & Dan Heath

Found at: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)