



1 CONSIDER THESE IMAGES

Look at these images and consider what emotions are represented in them.

2 REFLECT

- What emotions do you see represented in these photos, and what are those emotions tied to?
- What would motivate you to persist in searching for something—to not give up searching—and why?

3 READ THE SCRIPTURE

Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks will receive. Everyone who searches will find. And the door will be opened for everyone who knocks. Would any of you give your hungry child a stone, if the child asked for some bread? Would you give your child a snake if the child asked for a fish? As bad as you are, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. But your heavenly Father is even more ready to give good things to people who ask. Treat others as you want them to treat you. This is what the Law and the Prophets are all about.

-Matthew 7:7-12

4 REFLECT Ask some or all of these questions, depending on your context and timeframe

- How do these photos of “searchers” impact the meaning of this Scripture passage for you?
- What are most people searching for in life, and why?
- What are you searching for in life, and why?
- Why does Jesus highlight persistence in our relationship with God?
- If asking is the only prerequisite, why do we not always get what we want from God?

THE HABITS OF JESUS

ASK, SEARCH, KNOCK

(MATTHEW 7:7-12)