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*Make or Break: Ask v. Guess*

*Matthew 7:7-12*

**Transition Scripture**

Matthew 7:7-12 - <sup>7</sup>“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup>“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> 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! <sup>12</sup> So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**Group Discussion Questions**

**Starter:** What would you say is your biggest challenge in communicating?

**Go Deeper**

1. Read Matthew 7:7-12
2. Have you seen people misapply vv. 7-8? Why do you think they do that?
3. Jesus uses three commands – ask, seek, and knock. What might be an example of praying to ask? To Seek? To Knock?
4. In vv. 9-11, Jesus challenges us to think about the goodness of God. If we know to give good gifts to our parents, then what does this say about God? What good gifts does God want to bring to people?
5. In v. 12, we are told to do to others as we wish them to do for us. Think about your own needs. What does this teach you about doing for others?