

## 3G – Gifts

### Weekend Discussion Questions

November 15-16, 2008

#### Community:

1. As a kid what particular present or gift did you ask for at Christmas but never received?
2. Can you think of a time as a child that you got into trouble and it didn't seem fair or right but now as an adult it makes more sense? Explain the situation or incidence.

#### Core:

1. Why is it hard for some of us to tell God directly what we need or what we want? Do you feel that the lack of a direct or clear request to God is due to a lack of faith? If so, why?
2. Read Matthew 7:9-11. Jesus describes our requests to God like that of a child who asks his father for food. Scott pointed out the motives behind this description. What motives does the child's request point to or express?
3. Read James 1:17. If God is going to give us what is best (good and perfect defined means best, complete, full not lacking anything) He sometimes withholds what we feel would be best for us right now. Give an example in your life when this might have occurred.
4. Scott's first point stated, *"If you have something you need you should just ask God directly and trust that He knows what's best for you."* Why do so many of us struggle with this truth?
5. Have you ever felt you asked God for something "good" or with the "right motives" and received nothing? Describe the circumstance and feelings you felt.
6. The crucifixion of Jesus, which God allowed to happen, was an evil of monumental proportions. Out of this greatest tragedy came the world's greatest joy. What can we gain from our understanding of this event?
7. Jesus states in Mathew 7:12– *"In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."* Why as a society are we so challenged by this idea?

#### Challenge:

1. As we review this teaching on prayer and realize that God tells us to trust Him in all circumstances what in your life right now do you need help with in trusting God? How can those in your group help support you and encourage you through this time?
2. Check out the blog for further study at [flatironschurch.com/blog](http://flatironschurch.com/blog).



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**Weekend Services** | Sat 5:00 & 6:30pm | Sun 9:00, 10:30 & 11:55am, 6:30pm