

# Royal Redeemer CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for Oct.21-22, 2017:  
*God Hears: Obstacles to Prayer*



**(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)**

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- Where are you when you pray?

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. 9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? **Matthew 7:7-11***

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- What for you gets in the way of a vibrant prayer life? Busyness? Distractions? Doubt? Guilt? Something else?
- Could you worship a God who answers to you? How do you respond when God does not answer?
- Discuss: *We can be sure our prayers are answered precisely in the way we would want them to be answered if we knew everything God know.* –Tim Keller
- How do you imagine God feels when you pray?

Reflect on the following quote: *The irony is that while God does not need us but still wants us, we desperately need God but don't really want Him most of the time.* –Francis Chan

- How do you need God now? How do you want God?

- **Serve**

- For whom can you pray this week?

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**