

Text: Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 7:7-14

A Life Immersed in Prayer

- Asking, seeking, and knocking are _____.
- Asking, seeking, and knocking, are repeated to emphasize _____.
- The words reveal _____ of prayer.

Imitating the Father's Goodness

- Verses nine through eleven reveal the _____ of God.
- There is _____ between God's goodness and ours.
- Be _____ like God.

The Narrow Road of Strain and Pain

- The narrow road strains the _____.
- The narrow road is _____ by pain.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- When you take a road trip, do you prefer to take the quickest route or the road less traveled? Why?
- Why do you think that prayer is essential to traveling the narrow road? Why do we sometimes attempt to live without it?
- How do the words "asking, seeking, and knocking" reveal the nature of prayer? How can knowing this improve your prayer experience?
- In what ways does the Golden Rule (Mt 7:12) summarize the Old Testament, the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7), and all Christian living?
- What are some specific ways we can demonstrate God's goodness to others this week at work, in our neighborhoods, at school, etc.?
- How is the radical narrow road going to stretch your thinking and living? What pains accompany travel on the narrow road?
- Is traveling the narrow road worth the strain and pain? Why or why not?