

Sermon Title: **“GOOD, GOOD FATHER”**

Matthew 7:7-12

- Why is God _____? Simply put, it's _____ (it's His character)
- Jesus explains the _____ in a very tangible illustration (a father/son relationship)
 - Both the _____ and the _____ mock hunger and didn't fix or address the real issue (the child remained _____)
 - Our Heavenly Father knows _____ and because He's good, beyond our _____ good, He wants to meet those needs
- Our Heavenly Father is inviting us, _____, to come to Him and ask (we need to make _____ known to Him)
- Our Heavenly Father ONLY gives us what is _____ (He desperately loves us and is _____)
 - Our Heavenly Father, who's _____ and knows _____, doesn't always say 'Yes'
- Do you honestly _____ that God always has your _____ interest at heart?
 - If that's NOT our starting premise, then we will attempt to _____ and put Him under a microscope
- “Therefore” = _____ this _____ to the rest of the passage
 - It means that in order for us to _____ the way we'd like to be _____, we need to know and embrace God's goodness
- Many others were using the _____, only in the negative form
 - A very popular teaching during Jesus' time by Rabbi Hillel – “What is hateful to you, _____ to your fellow creatures.”