

Sermon Discussion Questions, June 19, 2011
The Sermon on the Mount
Healthy Relationships in a Fallen World, pt. 2, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
Matthew 7:7-12

E. I. is Emotional Intelligence

RELATING TO GOD – Under pressure E.I.-people pray remembering that God is our Father and wants to give. Matthew 7:6-11

1. What do you do when you encounter pressure and rejection? How do you deal with tension in relationships? How do your emotions affect your relationships?
2. What happens when we pray first after we encounter rejection or a tense relationship? What mindset should we maintain as we pray? Discuss the difference between asking, seeking, and knocking.
3. What do you learn about God's nature and character in verses 9-11? How does that impact your prayer life?
4. Why is it important for us to persevere in prayer? What happens in the process of persevering prayer? Tell of a time you experienced this personally. What were the results?

RELATING TO PEOPLE - E.I.-people practice the golden rule. Matthew 7:12

5. How has the Golden Rule impacted your life? Think about how you like to be treated. Does this affect how you treat others? Explain.

COMBINING THESE TWO IDEAS—True disciples are committed to the cultivation of emotional intelligence.

6. Skim the beatitudes in Matthew 5. Which of these characteristics are a part of your E. I.? How do these characteristics impact your relationships?