

**A Community That Bears Fruit**  
**Matthew 7:15-20**

**Study #13 of Life on the Rock**

**1. Begin with Prayer**

**2. Read Scripture Together Matthew 7:15-20**

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

**3. Share Who You Are**

- A. Who do you listen to or what voices tend to capture your heart and mind the most? How do you know? Is there a false prophet you have rejected or need to reject?
- B. Who do you consider to be false prophets or wolves in sheep's clothing today? Why would you call them false prophets? What does Jesus say false teachers and robbers do to God's people? **(John 10:10-11)**
- C. How does Jesus say we can know false prophets and wolves in sheep's clothing? **(Matthew 7:16-18)** What is some bad fruit you have experienced from a false teacher? What is some good fruit you have experienced from listening to Jesus' voice?
- D. Should we worry about the ultimate influence of false prophets? **(Matthew 7:19, Jeremiah 5:11-3)**
- E. What kind of fruit should we experience from listening to Jesus' voice? **(Galatians 5:22-24)**

**4. Take a Next Step**

Take an audit of how you spend your time in a week to document what voices are filling your heart and mind. Keep track of what voices you are listening to and how much time you are spending listening to them. What is the ratio of time spent in the Word, in prayer, or in conversation with other Christians? How much time is spent in social media, watching the news, or following news that is beyond our scope of influence?

**5. Pray Together**