



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 7:13-23 ” on July 26th

CONNECT

How did last week's passage we read/discussed from Matthew 7:7-12 affect your week?

DISCOVER - MATTHEW 7:13-23

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

Matthew 7:13-14: “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

- Does this passage challenge you, frighten you, or encourage you? Why?
- We know the ‘narrow gate’ is labeled ‘JESUS’ – the Way to Heaven, but there are other, wider gates before us, and we must choose. What are the other wider ‘gates’ in your life labeled?
- Jason used words of C.S. Lewis to describe the easier swim downstream vs. swimming upstream against the current; what does this look like for a follower of Jesus in our culture right now? What does this teach you about God and serving Him?

Matthew 7:15-16: Watch out for false prophets.....by their fruit you will recognize them.

- How does this encourage you to examine the motives of those who influence your decisions right now? How does it help you discern whether you can put your hope and trust in their leading?
- Compare and contrast the fruit of the lives of those most influencing you right now with the fruit of Jesus' life.
- Where will you look for strength and encouragement to prepare yourself to discern the good fruit from the bad fruit? What could you start doing, and what could you give up?
- Consider Jason's question: “Do you want to go on a journey with Jesus the Creator of life, or settle for a substitute? How would you respond to that?”

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

- Is there someone in your life with whom you need to share these words and encourage them to trust Jesus?
- If you choose/have chosen the narrow gate, what things would you have to leave behind?
- When you carefully examine your own motives and choices, do you feel you know a lot ABOUT Jesus and Scripture, or do you feel you are closely walking with Him each day?

RESPOND

What keeps you from putting ALL your trust in Jesus right now? How could this impact the content of your prayers?

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?

PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

Keep Reading: John 14:1-6 where Jesus uses one of His “I am” statements declaring who he is.



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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"Matthew 7:7-12" on July 19th