

Week 3- "The Two Roads"

In this series we are going to dive into one of the most incredible talks Jesus ever gave: "The Sermon on the Mount". When Jesus arrived He knew that our attempts at lasting change, and growth doesn't lead to the life we all strive for. This seems to come up at the start of a New Year when we set new resolutions to do and be better than the year before. In this week's message we are going to see that Jesus says His kingdom is completely different from religion, and how we can discover if we are standing on a foundation of the Gospel.

1. What stood out to you from the message?

Read Matthew 7:13,17-18,20,24

2. In your experience have you seen this passage as a separation of those who obey God and those who don't?

This passage is talking about the righteous and the righteous. One strives to earn God's approval in their own effort and one rests in the reality that it is Jesus that gives right standing with God.

- 3. Which road do you seem to go down: The road that strives to seek God's approval through effort, or the road that builds your life on what Jesus has done for you?
- 4. What does it say about God's grace for you that He provided a way for you to be made right with Him?
- 5. When you read scripture does it bring you life, bring you fear, or do you disdain the word of God?

- 6. What does it practically look like to invite the Holy Spirit to help you discover life within scripture?
- 7. If you find yourself striving, what step can you take this week to begin to trust what Jesus has done for you.

Jesus came to bring a brand new way and invite us into His Kingdom. For us to understand that way and understand the Sermon on the Mount we must understand that it truly is completely different from religion and striving to earn God's approval.