



"WE ALL BUILD A HOUSE"

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help lead your group through a progression of engagement with the Bible passage(s) and the speaker's message. They can help you understand and apply the teaching.

BIBLICAL TEXT(S) + MESSAGE SUMMARY:

MATTHEW 7:13-29

Jesus wasn't like any other teacher. In this message, we see that his audience agrees. They observe that he taught with an authority which superseded any of Israel's Scribes. In the passage above, Jesus makes two key points as he teaches: everyone is on a road to somewhere and everyone is building their life on something. We also see that a relationship with God in Christ is about more than correct doctrine, emotional investment, and charitable works. So, what exactly is that something more?

LEAN IN: *These are icebreakers and warm ups, mostly to get the group talking and start the flow of conversation. Choose one and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. This is Super Bowl week. What do you think of that spectacle?
2. What is the most exciting sporting event that you have ever attended?
3. What is the most exciting event- of any kind- that you have attended?
4. How has Jesus changed your view of special days? Of ordinary days?

LOOK DOWN: *These are questions about the Bible passage(s) and observations about what's been read. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. Note some of the contrasts Jesus makes between the counterfeit and genuine. What are they?
2. What instruction did Jesus give regarding the wide and narrow gates?
3. What insight did Jesus give regarding false prophets and false disciples?
4. What is the essential foundation every wise person must build upon?
5. What so amazed the crowd of listeners about this teaching of Jesus?

LOOK OUT: *These questions help connect the world of the Bible to today. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. What in our day and age is deceptively attractive, like the wide gate and broad road that many travel?
2. What do true/false disciples and good/bad fruit indicate regarding works? What are some contemporary examples of this?
3. What is essential that false disciples lack? That foolish builders lack? Do you observe that lack in friends, family, neighbors or coworkers? If so, how so?
4. What do you learn from Jesus' repeated use of "every" and "everyone"?
5. Why do you think Jesus used several contrasts to drive his main point??

LOOK IN: *These are questions that help you consider how to engage the teaching personally. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. What experience do you have of traveling to the wide gate by the broad road?

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2. What might the fruit of your life indicate about your relationship with Jesus?
3. When have you performed ministry tasks with wrong motivation or mis-appropriated power?
4. Which of Jesus' words are uncomfortable, or perhaps frightening, to you?
5. How might Jesus knowing you help you embrace His authority as Lord of all things?

LIVE IT OUT: *These action steps help apply this week's message to day to day life. Choose one prompts and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. Evaluate your spiritual practices. Which help you know Jesus and him you; which do not?
2. Evaluate your future ambitions. Which are submitted to Jesus and which are not?