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## True and False Discipleship

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### Matthew 7:13-27

#### Wrong Path (vs 13-14)

- ✓ Not all ways and not all destinations are \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ The right (true) gate is both narrow and \_\_\_\_\_

#### Wrong People (vs 15-23)

- ✓ False teachers and prophets must \_\_\_\_\_ themselves
- ✓ Words \_\_\_\_\_ do not prove a person to be a true disciple

#### Right Foundation (vs 24-27)

- ✓ True followers of Jesus are both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ Only obedience results in solid \_\_\_\_\_

*"When we really understand Jesus in this Sermon on the Mount, we should be astonished also (Matthew 7:28-29). If we are not astonished, then we probably haven't really heard or understood what Jesus has said." ~ David Guzik*

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### Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. Read verses 13-14 again.
  - What are the differences between the narrow gate and broad gate?
  - What makes the broad way easy and why do many choose it?
  - What makes the narrow way difficult and difficult to find?
3. Do you generally take a path of least resistance? Do you tend to follow the advice of unbelieving family members or friends? Do you tend to follow culture rather than the way of the Bible? Follow up verses: Psalm 16:11, John 10:7, 14:6, 2 Thes 1:9
4. Read verses 15-23 again.
  - How can we recognize false teachers or prophets?
  - What do you think the motivation of a false teacher or prophet is?
  - Some people have used verses 21-23 to question their salvation. Have you?
5. What is the warning for us? How can we evaluate our spiritual condition and bear good fruit? Follow up verses: Phil 2:12, James 2:17, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 John 4:1-3
6. Read verses 24-27 again.
  - What lesson is Jesus teaching in these verses?
  - What happens when people hear and do what Jesus says?
7. Are you building your life on the foundation of Christ? If yes, what are you doing to be assured of that? Follow up verses: John 14:15, 15:5, James 1:22-25, 1 John 3:24

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 7:13-27) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?