

5. Read Psalm 1 as a group. Compare and contrast those who are blessed vs the wicked.

Good & Beautiful Life (The Sermon on the Mount) - Part 10
“Three Questions Jesus Asks that Everyone Must Answer.”
Matthew 7:13-20

Three Questions Jesus Asks that Everyone Must Answer:

6. What gets in the way of you bearing fruit in your life?

1. Which _____ will you take?
Matthew 7:13-14

Jesus seems to have anticipated that his followers would be (or at least would appear to be and feel themselves to be) a despised minority movement. He saw multitudes on the broad road, laughing and carefree with apparently no thought for the dreadful end to which they are heading, while on the narrow road there is just a ‘happy band of pilgrims’, hand in hand, backs turned upon sin and faces set towards the Celestial City, ‘singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land’. (John Stott)

7. Reflect on the two forms of denial: Flat out denial of Jesus and using religion to make yourself feel better. Do either of these ways ever manifest itself in your lives? If so, how?

The broad road shows we have an overflow of _____.

8. Where do we see God’s grace in our passage this week?

2. What kind of fruit will you _____?
Matthew 7:15-20

Psalm 1

Walking through the narrow gate is walking through the gate of renewal, the gate of counter-culturalism; being _____ to the world.

Are you in community, and is your community seeing the real fruit you're _____?

“Those who love their dream of a Christian community more than they love the Christian community itself become destroyers of that Christian community.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

3. How will you _____?

People who accept Jesus realize the difference between the broad and the narrow road is not defined by good and bad people: but those who think they can save themselves, and those who rely on _____.

And yet, our _____ matter.

Jesus simply says: _____. This isn't simply a call to a more moral life. Instead he is calling us to _____ with Him!

Matthew 11:28-30

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What big or every day choices have been the hardest for you to commit to?
3. Read Matthew 7:13-20. Reflect on the rest of the Sermon on the Mount as you read these verses. What makes these choices difficult or hard to swallow?
4. Reflect on this statement: “The broad road shows we have an overflow of freedom. In order to gain true and lasting community and meaning that is only found on the narrow road... we need to give up some freedom and false promises of the broad road. We need to enter into discipleship with Jesus.” What are some freedoms you will need to give up in order to enter the narrow gate/live like no