

THE KING SPEAKS

a Study in the Sermon On The Mount | Discussion Guide
Week 13 – December 9
Two's | Matthew 7:13-27

Introduction

In this last week in our series in the Sermon On The Mount we'll see that Jesus takes His listeners to a place of decision. I don't think there is a hint of mistake that Jesus said what He did to conclude the Sermon On The Mount.

In these verses, we see that there are "two of something" in each one of the metaphors Jesus gives in His teaching. There are two gates, two roads, two trees, and two houses built on two different foundations. There's a call to discernment (vs. 21-23). There's a call to faith and trust in Christ alone (vs. 13-14). And, there's a call to action, to decision (vs. 24-27).

Questions for Study

1. Take a few minutes to reread Matthew 5, 6, and 7. What topics stood out to you from this series? How has God's word shaped your life over the last 13 weeks?
2. In Matthew 7:13-14 we read of two roads that lead to two different destinations. What is often times the easier thing to do...to focus on or be distracted by "the road" or is it more common for people to be focused on the ultimate destination?
3. If you were to give 2-3 sentences summarizing verses 13-14 what would you say?
4. Matthew 7:20 refers to false teachers and it says that: "by their fruit you will recognize them." What kind of person (tree) would people say that you are based on the fruit that your life is producing?
5. Reread verses 21-23. What thoughts and emotions do these verses elicit? Have you confidently put your faith in Jesus Christ?
6. When Jesus refers to the "will of my Father" in verse 21 what is he referring to?
7. Reread verses 24-27. What were the two actions of the person that is a "wise builder"? What decisions (daily/and long term) are building a "solid foundation" for your life?
8. What was the response of Jesus' listeners to the Sermon On The Mount? Why do you think they responded in this way?