



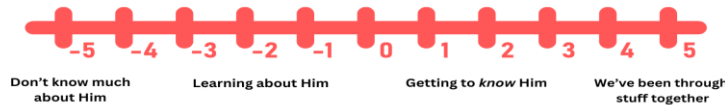
Bible Study Questions

24th November 2024

Matthew 7:15-23

Introduction

In this passage of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reveals one of the fundamental parts of being his disciple: to *truly know Him and be known by Him*. Use the below spectrum to discuss where you feel you are at in the journey of knowing God.



Read & Reflect

Read **Matthew 7:15-23** at least twice using different versions of the Bibles. As you read or listen to the words, reflect and share on the following:

- What stands out or what do you notice?
- What questions are raised for you?
- What might the Holy Spirit be saying to you?

Questions

1. Jesus strongly warns us about the nature of *false prophets* in the Church. What can we learn from the way he describes them in v15-20?

For more on false prophets, you may like to read and discuss:

- Jeremiah's own dealings with false prophets in Jeremiah 23:16-3.
 - a. -Paul's words to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:1-8.
 - Peter's intense thoughts in 2 Peter 2:1-3.

2. In chapter 7:1-5, Jesus specifically teaches on not judging others. Read this and discuss how we might be able to take Jesus' warning about false prophets seriously, while also obeying his words about judging.
3. Paul David Tripp says: "if a tree produces bad apples year after year, there is something drastically wrong with its system, down to its very roots."

How might we be authentic disciples and produce the kind of fruit Jesus is looking for? (*Reading John 15:1-6 may help*).

4. V21-23 are some of the most terrifying words of Jesus. As we read them, what do we learn about:
 - Those who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven (v21, 23)?
 - Those who will be turned away (v22, 23)?

Application

1. Picture Jesus on his throne on that last day, looking at you and saying: "I know you". How might you feel in that moment?
2. If the journey to that final moment starts today, how might you seek to **know God and be known by Him** more richly and deeply this week?

Take the Sermon on the Mount into your week

- Use **Rich Villodas' Devotional study "THE NARROW PATH"** on the **YouVersion Bible app** & join fellow CBC'ers through the Sermon on the Mount!