

Lesson #8- Matthew Chapter 7 Questions for Discussion:

Jesus continues in chapter 7 with His sermon on the mount, teaching things that turned their theological world upside down. This chapter concludes this message, ending with the people being in amazement, because He taught with authority, not like the scribes they were accustomed to hearing.

1. “Don’t judge me” is an often-heard phrase today. Many Christians have decided that they aren’t to “judge” anything, they will just defer to make a decision about what is right and wrong so that they don’t come off as “judgmental”. What did Jesus teach here in the first five verses of this chapter? How does it relate to other Scripture?
2. Verse 6 is the origination of a cliché we have often heard, “don’t cast your pearls before swine”. What is Jesus teaching us in this verse?

3. Verses 7 through 12 are about the privilege we have of coming to our Heavenly Father with our requests. What do you think are some things that stand out from this teaching of Jesus?

4. Looking at verses 13-14, how open minded are we to be when it comes to what God has revealed through His Word, particularly concerning eternal life?

5. Jesus gives warning about false prophets that sneak in disguised as one of us. But we are to recognize them (judgmental?). They will defy evolution and do what all of nature truly does, they will produce fruit that is just like they are, corrupt. Then Jesus makes a shocking statement. He says that some people that call Him “Lord, Lord”, and have worked really hard and done wonderful works will be turned out of the kingdom, that after all they have done, He will not even acknowledge that He ever knew them. But doesn’t the Bible say that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved? But they are working for the kingdom; aren’t we supposed to lay up treasure in heaven? How would you explain this to someone with these questions?

6. Discuss the lesson on construction practices that Jesus ends this sermon with.