

MATTHEW 7:7-23

PRAY: Thank God for His goodness towards you and ask for grace towards others.

REST: Write down anything that is pressing on your heart or mind and set it aside.

READ: Through this section once. Think about the themes and ideas discussed—there are many—and how they connect to each other. Read through it again with this in mind. Consider what may be particularly relevant to your life this week.

Consider & Respond to these questions:

What is God like, according to this section?

How are we called to live as disciples?

What does this say about the world we live in?

How can you live this out this week?

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QUESTIONS FROM SUNDAY

Reflecting on this Sunday's teaching, respond to these questions:

What was the cost when you chose to follow Jesus? What did you leave behind? If nothing, what does that tell you about your walk?

What is the fruit that is being produced in your life? Is it “good” or “bad”? What kind of disciples is it producing?

Why do you believe you “know” Jesus? Describe your relationship with Jesus?

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

As we near the end of the Sermon On The Mount (or hill), Jesus clarifies some aspects of what it means to be His disciple. He first reminds us of God's generosity toward us, and His responsiveness, and reminds us of the kindness that should motivate in us towards others. He then goes on to talk about the "narrow" way of living as His disciple, bearing real fruit, but perhaps more importantly, knowing Jesus and being in relationship with Him. Below are additional scriptures on the topics covered in this section:

Ask: Psalm 37:3-7, 91:14-16; Isaiah 65:24; Jeremiah 29:11-14; Mark 11:23-26; John 15:7; 1 John 5:13-15

Gifts: Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Psalm 127:2; Jeremiah 24:7; John 3:16-17, 4:10-14; Romans 5:15-17, 8:31-39; Ephesians 2:8-9; James 1:5-8, 16-18

Brotherly Love: John 13:34-35, 15:12-13; Romans 13:8-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 1:22-23; 1 John 4:7-12

The Way: Deuteronomy 5:32-33; Psalm 50:23, 101:2-4, 139:23-24; Proverbs 14:12; Isaiah 26:7-9, 30:21; John 14:6-7; Hebrews 10:19-25

Spiritual Fruit: Psalm 92:12-15; Luke 13:6-9; John 15:1-15; Romans 7:4; Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 1:9-14; James 3:17-18

As you read, some questions to think about and respond to are:

What do you ask of God? Do you seek Him?

What is the "narrow way" that Jesus talks about like?

How can you, in your life, do unto others as you wish they would do to you?

In what ways can you continue to grow in intimate knowledge of Jesus?

TO MEMORIZE: MATTHEW 7:7-8

Matthew Week 16-4 (M-July)