

**Study Guide**  
**Matthew 7:1-14**  
**The Kingdom Has Come!**

**A. Be Humble with Others (Matt. 7:1-6)**

1. Share an example when you have judged or been judged by someone. Is it ok to judge people?

2. Read Matthew 7:1-5. Discuss some of the dynamics of judging others:

a. We set the standard.

b. We tend to overlook our own faults.

3. What can be done (v.5) in order to ensure that we are not judging others from a place of spiritual pride? Discuss.

4. Read Galatians 6:1-2, and discuss what it looks like to restore someone.

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**B. Be Humble Before God (Matt. 7:7-14)**

1. Why does it display humility when we ask God for things? Who is qualified to ask?

2. According to verses 9-11, we are to see ourselves as dependent children before God our Father. Do you ask God for things daily? Why or why not?

3. According to verses 13-14, most people are on a highway to destruction. Why is that? What is so hard about the "narrow" gate that leads to life? What lessons can we learn from this?

## Message Slides

### Kingdom Declared

#### Big Idea: Be Humble

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##### B. Be a Solution-finder (v.5)

<sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

##### Galatians 6:1-2

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##### C. Save your Pearls (v.6)

<sup>6</sup>"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

##### II. Be Humble Before God (v.7-12)

<sup>7</sup>"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

**A. Children (v.9-11)**

<sup>9</sup>Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

**B. Golden Rule (v.12)**

<sup>12</sup>“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

**III. Humble People go to Heaven (v.13-14)**

<sup>13</sup>“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.