

Study Guide

Matthew 7:15-29

The Kingdom Has Come!

Am I really on a solid foundation? When the storm comes, is my house on a “rock”?
It’s not by chance that we are dealing with this passage this week with so much uncertainty looming around us.

Big Idea: Good Roots produce Good Fruits

1. Read Matt. 7:15-20. Bad Fruits!

Note that Satan is the Father of lies and an angel of light! Discuss false prophets and how there are ‘ravenous wolves’ within the Body of Christ.

Jeremiah 5:31- “They prophesy falsely and my people love to have it so.”

Mark 13:22- “...seduce...if it were possible, even the elect.”

2 Peter 2:1- “...bring in damnable heresies.”

How can you recognize them?

2. Read Matt. 7:21-23. Bad Roots! What a tragedy. People who seem rooted in Christianity are lost! Discuss:

- They claim Jesus as “Lord”, but don’t really do God’s will.
- They claim to talk “prophecy”, but don’t speak God’s words.
- They claim “mighty works”, but don’t actually do God’s will.

What will happen to such people?

3. Read Matt. 7:24-27. Good roots produce good fruits!

Discuss what qualifies a person to be on a solid foundation.

Discuss what it is like for you to live in a personal relationship with Jesus.

Discuss the benefits of being on that foundation.

Application

- Confess when you have heard God’s word and not followed through on it. Turn and surrender your life to Jesus anew.
- Take some time cast your cares upon the Lord. Share what makes you feel anxious. Pray through these things together.

Message Slides

Kingdom Declared

Image of Bathroom

Previously- Be Humble

Matt. 7:13-14

“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. “For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

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A. Bad Fruits (v.15-20)

¹⁵“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

A. Bad Fruits (v.15-20)

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Matt. 24:11- “And many false prophets will arise and deceive many.”

2 Peter 2:1- “...bring in damnable heresies.”

Mark 13:22- “...seduce...if it were possible, even the elect.”

Jer. 5:31- “They prophesy falsely and my people love to have it so.”

2 Tim. 4:3b- “...having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions.”

A. Bad Fruits (v.15-20)

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1. Heretics (Father of Lies)

2. Attractive (Angel of Light)

B. Bad Roots (v. 21-23)

²¹“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in

your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

C. Good Roots/ Good Fruits (v. 24-27)

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.” ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

C. Good Roots/ Good Fruits (v. 24-27)

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