

## Sermon Notes I Live out your identity in Christ- Matthew 7:24 - 29

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**You don't get into the Kingdom, the Kingdom gets into you and through you!**

### **The Parable – Matthew 7:24-27**

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## **A. What is the Hear & Do? “These words”**

- “Blessed are the poor in spirit...” (Matthew 5:3)
- “You have heard it said... but I say...” (Matthew 5:21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43)
- “You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)
- “And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me.’” (Matthew 7:23)

**The Hear & Do is closely linked to knowing Jesus.**

## **Big Idea: Live out your identity in Christ**

(Matthew 7:24–29)

## **B. How We Hear & Do**

### **1. Why We Hear and Don't Do**

- Suppress the truth → Ask God to change your heart
- Habitual → Grow new and small habits
- Independent → Depend on God
- Forgetful → Accountability
- Theoretical → Needs experience
- Distracted → Create space
- Overloaded with info → Frequency and simplicity of thought

### **2. Ways We Put It into Practice**

- ...you Do the Things  
*“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*
- ...you Develop Trust in Jesus
- ...you Rely on God's Power
- ...you Do Hard Things

- ...you Work at It  
*"But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do."*

C. Why It's So Good to Hear & Do!

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## Discussion Guide | Live out your identity in Christ

### **Questions**

- What did God speak to you through the service?

### **Read Matthew 7:24–29**

- What's the difference between someone who identifies as a Christian and someone who truly follows Jesus?
- Is there something Jesus has been telling you to do that you haven't acted on yet?
- What are some reasons you sometimes struggle to live out what you believe?
- What's one thing you can do this week to start living it out?