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**Jesus, Decisions And Discernment**

Matthew 7:13-23

**Key Truth**: Following Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ repentance, growing in discernment, so that we might distinguish between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**We Must Trust The Exclusive Claim of Jesus:**

1. Jesus is telling us that there are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ paths, but only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 way to enter the kingdom of heaven. ACTS 4:12, John 10:7-10,

 John 14:6

 A. The narrow gate requires us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our lives to God.

 Luke 14:25-27

 B. The wide gate looks most attractive, because it promises all

 the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of heaven without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**The Warning From Jesus: “Beware Of False Prophets”**

1. False prophets claim to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for God, but their goal is

 to lead you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Jesus instructs us how to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a false prophet.

 A. Inspect the Fruit of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 1 John 4:1-3

 B. Inspect the Fruit of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 2 Peter 2:1-3

 C. Inspect the Fruit of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Jeremiah 23:16-17

**The Wake-Up Call From Jesus:**

1.Not everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Lord, will enter heaven.

2. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confession is acknowledging Jesus with your

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but denying Him with your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. False disciples never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 4:17,

 Galatians 5:16-24

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Pray for the discernment and be careful who you allow to influence you spiritually.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Think of a time when you were faced with a tough decision between right and wrong, but chose to do what you knew was wrong. In what way was it the easier choice of the two? What were the consequences?

Read Matthew 7:21-23: What stands out to you about Jesus’ words in verses 21-23? What does Jesus mean by “doing the will of My Father”?

What were these people substituting for their relationship with Christ?

Why will Jesus deny knowing people on Judgment Day—even those who believed they knew Him?

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5: Do you think Paul’s warning to Timothy is still valid today? Why or why not?

Based on this passage, what was the most important thing for Timothy to keep doing? Why might faithfully preaching the Word of God be a deterrent to false teachers?

How does studying the Bible help you recognize and avoid false teaching?

How should churches respond when they encounter a false teaching? How should you respond?

How has being in Connection Group this session helped strengthen your faith in Jesus Christ and the church?