

Study Guide | Matthew 7:21-23

Further Study

Read Matthew 7:21-23, and consider some or all of the questions below.

1. Look over the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7:13-29). What is Jesus emphasizing as He concludes? How do verses 21-23 fit into this emphasis?
2. What do we learn about the nature of true, saving faith? What do we learn about faith that doesn't save?
3. How is it possible to call Jesus "Lord" and to do good works in His name and yet not enter the Kingdom of Heaven?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. What does it look like for a Christian to examine themselves to see if they are really in the faith?
5. According to Jesus' words here, many will be surprised on Judgment Day. How can we have confidence that we will be saved?

Application

Pick a few questions to discuss.

6. These words of Jesus serve as a stern warning. How best should we heed this warning in our lives? In our church? With each other?
7. What would you share with someone who is struggling with assurance of their salvation?
8. What evidence do you see in your life that testifies that your faith is genuine?
9. In what specific area(s) are you seeking to do the will of the Father?
10. Are there areas of your life that are not under the Lordship of Jesus Christ? What steps of repentance and obedience do you need to take?