SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Matthew 7:13-23

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Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
Matthew 7:13 "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. [14] For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. [15] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. [16] You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? [17] So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. [18] A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. [19] Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. [20] Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. [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. [22] On 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?' [23] And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'	***Jesus challenges us to honestly assess what path are we on and who are we following?*** ***I. The narrow gate vs The wide gate (13-14)*** ***II. False Prophets vs The True Prophet (15-20)*** ***III. Don't be surprised! (21-23)*** **Memory verses for 2025-** Matthew 7:24-25 [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. [25] And 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.

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Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss a spiritual "mountain top" experience you have had in your life and how it continues to encourage your faith.

2. What is the significance of Jesus' first words in His sermon for understanding the rest of the sermon?
Matthew 5:2-9 ***[2] And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: [3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

3. Jesus describes following Him as entering a narrow gate and following a narrow path. How is this so? Compare with the wide gate and way.

4. What are some characteristics of a false prophet? How do the pharisees and scribes resemble this description?

5. How can our righteousness exceed that of the Pharisees?

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: