

### THE WAY AHEAD

Matthew 7:13-29

#### MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE TWO WAYS OF LIFE
2. THE TWO THINGS WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. At the end of the sermon on the mount the crowds were astonished. Read Matthew 7:13-29 as a group. Are you astonished by anything that Jesus says here? Why or why not?
3. The two ways that Jesus describes in Matthew 7:13-29 look remarkably similar to one another. He describes two roads but one leads to destruction, two trees but one has bad fruit and two buildings but one has a foundation that leads to collapse. Jesus is comparing a merely religious person with a true follower of Jesus. What are some ways a religious person and a Christian will look the same? What are some differences between a religious person and a Christian?
4. Jesus describes religious people as thinking God owes them something based on their good works (Matt. 7:22). What do you think God owes you? (**Note:** Try to answer as honestly as possible. You may know the "right" answer and yet not live as though that is what you truly believe. For example, consider how you respond when things don't go your way.)
5. In Matthew 7:23 we see that the ultimate punishment for a human being is to lose Jesus. What makes losing Jesus so bad?
6. The end of the sermon on the mount leaves us with some deeply important questions to reflect on. *What road are you walking down, right now? What kind of fruit are you producing, right now? What kind of foundation do you have, right now?* Spend some time reflecting on these in silence and then ask if anyone is willing to share their answers with the group.

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** Christians don't do good things to get something. They are living out of what they already have in Jesus.