

OUTRAGEOUS

a call to radical living from the mouth of Jesus himself

WEEK 4 - True Disciples

OVERVIEW

To conclude his sermon on the mount, Jesus paints the picture of how one can know who his true disciples are: by the fruit they bear. He urges his followers to make sure they are not simply saying the right words, but that their lives reflect the truth of Jesus' radical way of kingdom living. Again, we are invited to significant introspection. Are we bearing the fruit of which our savior speaks? Because with Jesus' teachings as the foundation of our life we may yet weather the storm of this present darkness!

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock.

Matthew 7:24-25

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 7:13-14. Why is the gate narrow? Give an example of what this might mean.
2. We have been learning more about living as Jesus' disciples over the past couple of months through parables of Jesus and The Sermon on the Mount. Has God shown you something new through these messages? Has he reminded you of something He has shown you before? Share how God has been working in your life.
3. Give an example of "good fruit".
4. Is the way you're living and what you're spending your time doing bearing good fruit?
5. Why do you think we find it hard to invest in things that are life giving rather than things that are more immediate and temporary?
6. Do you find it easy or hard to follow advice? When taking advice, what parameters do you put in place to discern whether or not it's good advice?
7. Why is it important to be able to identify people by their actions (Matthew 7:20)?
8. How is your house built? On rock or sand? Are you "doing" the words of Jesus, or just hearing them and thinking how great they are?

RESOURCES

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