



July 10th-16th, 2011

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FOCUS



We are constantly bombarded with messages about who we are and what we should value. There are a myriad of voices jockeying for our attention. There are screens everywhere we look. What voices are you listening to? Into the noise Jesus speaks to us: Build on a strong foundation by obeying. Beware of false prophets. You can tell a tree by its fruit. Narrow is the way that leads to heaven, broad is the highway to hell. Do to others what you'd have them do to you. Let Jesus provoke you to FOCUS.

o Monday 7.11.11

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Matthew 7.15-23

o Tuesday 7.12.11

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Luke 6.43-45

o Wednesday 7.13.11

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Matthew 21.33-46

o Thursday 7.14.11

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Matthew 23.1-22

o Friday 7.15.11

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Matthew 23.23-39

o Saturday 7.16.11

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Luke 17.20-37

As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:

.What does this passage teach me about God? What does it say is true about me and my IDENTITY as a child of God?

.How does my practice of my faith and my view of the world need to change, according to what I've learned from this passage?

.One specific next step I'm going to take this week is:

Discussion Questions

>>READ>> Matthew 7: 15-23

True and False Prophets

.In vs. 15, Jesus warns us to "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing..." Name some modern examples of wolves in sheep's clothing.

.In what ways are false prophets like ferocious wolves?

.How can we identify false prophets? What are some examples of the fruit they produce? (vs. 16-20)

.How can we strike a balance between being watchful and avoiding "witch hunts"?

True and False Disciples

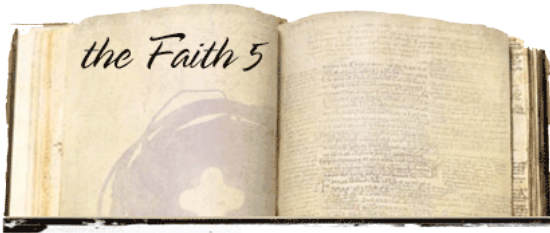
.According to verses 21-23, what is wrong with a mere profession of faith?

.What admirable actions are described in verses 21-23?

.Despite these traits and actions, why does Jesus say "I never knew you?" What does this tell us about the importance of motives vs. actions?

.If prophesying, driving out demons and performing miracles aren't considered doing "the will of my Father," then what is? What does it take to be "known" by Jesus?

.Describe the fruitfulness of your spiritual life right now.



Share your highs & lows of the day

Read the Scripture in the Bible

Talk about how the verse relates to your highs & lows

Pray about your highs & lows, family, world

Bless one another

Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday _____ Matthew 7.15

Monday _____ Matthew 7.18

Tuesday _____ John 10.27

Wednesday _____ Proverbs 12.5

Thursday _____ Hosea 14.9

Friday _____ Proverbs 19.20

Saturday _____ John 15.5

Blessing: May God's voice be loud and clear in your life.

