

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Matthew 7:13-29

Getting Started

What is your favorite fruit tree? Why?

Digging In

1. **Read Matthew 7:13-14.** Describe the two options that Jesus gives in these verses. What are the final consequences of the two choices?



2. **Read Matthew 7:15-20.** Jesus says we'll recognize false prophets by their fruit. What does he mean by that? What kind of *fruit* would be evidence of a false prophet?

3. Explain the two trees that Jesus describes. What's the main point he's trying to make?

4. **Read Matthew 7:21-23.** What kind of person will enter the kingdom of heaven? What does it mean to enter the kingdom of heaven?

5. How can it be that some people will be able to do many impressive religious things, but will not be able to enter the kingdom?

6. What are some examples of empty religiosity today?

7. **Read Matthew 7:24-29.** What is the essential difference between the two builders?

8. How can we follow the example of the wise man who built his house upon the rock?

Getting Personal

- Would you describe yourself as a churchian or a Christian? Why?

- Think back over the Sermon on the Mount. What are some steps you'd like to take to put Christ's words into practice?