

July 2 - Matthew 7:12-23 "The Path that Leads to Life"

Read Matthew 7:12-23.

1. What is Jesus' thesis statement of the Sermon on the Mount? What is the Old Testament equivalent? (See Lev 19:18) With these two summaries of the Law in mind, what would you say the point of the Mosaic Law is? What place does the Law have in the Sermon on the Mount?
2. Verses 13-26 are the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount. Verses 13-14 talk about the only two paths that we can find ourselves on. How does this language sit with you? Is it uncomfortable? Why?
3. What are the three places that Jesus mentions judgment in the conclusion? Why do you think he wants to make a point of it in his conclusion?
4. What were false prophets known for in the Old Testament? How might that look today? What are some of the 'bad fruits' that they might be known by? What about good fruits?
5. What are some characteristics of the narrow gate and path? Why are they characterised that way?
6. How has walking the narrow path felt to you? Does it always feel worth it? As you are comfortable, share with the group your experience walking the narrow path.