

Matthew 7:13-29

How can I be part of Jesus' kingdom on that day when he returns?

1) Choose the narrow path

(v13-14)

2) Listen to fruitful teachers

(v15-20)

3) Do what Jesus says

(v21-29)

For further discussion

- Are you surprised by how Jesus repeatedly warns about judgment in this passage? Why/why not? What do we lose if we remove the consequences of sin from our gospel message? How can we warn people sensitively yet clearly today?
- What are the two paths in v13-14? What is narrow about the path that leads to life? How does it help to know that Jesus has walked this path before us?
- How do v15-20 challenge those of us who have any kind of teaching responsibility in the church (whether of adults or children)? If all human beings are sinful, how do we distinguish between a false teacher and a true teacher who is also a sinner? What form might false teaching take in our lives today?
- What is the difference between those who cry "Lord, Lord" but do not enter the kingdom, and those who do? How does this make you feel? How would you advise someone who is worried about whether they might turn out to be in the first category?
- What are the foundations of the house that remains standing? How is this different from self-righteousness and legalism?
- Where are we listening but not obeying?