

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

## Closing Remarks Matthew 7:15-29

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### Supplemental Scripture

2 Corinthians 13:5-10 Matthew 6:1-2 John 17:22 Romans 7:18-19 Psalms 139

## Discussion Questions for Personal Life and Community Gathering

As we wrap up the Sermon on the Mount, let us not be guilty of checking the list and moving on. Please spend some time this week to do the following:

1. Read back through Matthew 5-7 and review your notes.
2. Journal through some things that God has taught or revealed to you in this time.
3. Note how your life and your perspectives have changed.
4. View the questions this week in light of this entire passage and not just the sermon material.
5. Come to your gathering time prepared to share!

This week we will focus on three primary questions that the sermon will ask us to consider. Again, please use not only the focal passage, but also Matthew 5-7 and the supplemental scripture when answering these questions.

1. **Have we deceived ourselves?** Read Matthew 7:21-23. Note some of the behaviors in this passage. What are the works of the “workers of lawlessness”? Are these works that should be consistent with Christians? What is the difference between the works of the Christian and the works of the non-Christian? How does this apply to you personally?

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2. **What motivates our righteousness?** Read Matthew 6:1-2, 7:15-20. What is the motivation of practicing righteousness in front of others from Matthew 6? What separates good fruit from bad fruit? What should be the core motivation of our works (think Matthew 5:16)? What is the core motivation of your works?

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3. **Have we thoroughly examined our hearts?** Review Matthew 7:21-29. Discuss the three tests mentioned in the sermon. What does good fruit look like? Examine your will. What do you truly desire? Examine your house. When trials come, how do you respond? Does your house stand or fall?

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4. **In Review.** Spend some time in review of the last 13 weeks. What has God taught you? How has your life changed? What passage(s) stand out to you? What is the application for our church? Read Matthew 7:28-29. Are you astounded? Why or why not?

**Prayer:** Jesus, Your words are precious to us. They humble us, encourage us, inspire us, convict us, destroy us, bring us to Your truth. Help us to love you. Help us to love Your word. Help us to live Your word. May we be what You have called us to be. May we be salty people. May Your light shine through us into this city. May others around us see our good works to glorify You. May we practice righteousness well. Teach us to pray. Keep us from being judgmental, self-righteous, workers of lawlessness. Make this church Your dwelling place. Be glorified in us. Amen

*Next Week: Know, Connect, Live*