

Sermon Scavenger Hunt

Matthew 7:13-29

Think about it...Have you ever been hiking on a trail that split in two different directions? How did you decide which path to take?



Sermon Scavenger Hunt Questions...Listen to the sermon to discover answers to the following questions. Submit your answers for a prize!

1. True or False. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches his followers what life looks like when heaven and earth come together, when God's kingdom is unleashed on earth as it is in heaven, when *Up There comes Down Here*.
2. Read Matthew 7:13-14. *"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."*
3. Jesus wants followers not just admirers. What is the difference between the broad road and the narrow road?
4. Read Matthew 7:15-23. *"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the*

kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

5. False teachers distort God's Word and make it hard for others to find the narrow gate. They may even say that all roads lead to God and not to worry about finding the narrow way. A false teacher is like a wolf disguised in a sheep's fleece. Using the example of the two trees, how can you know whether or not someone's teaching is true or false?
6. Why can't we just say we believe in Jesus - why do we have to live for Jesus, too?
7. Read Matthew 7:24-27. *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."*
8. What's the secret to Bozo the Clown's ability to pop right back up when punched?
9. There are obedient hearers of God's Word and disobedient hearers just like there are wise builders and foolish builders. The real question isn't if they hear Christ's teaching but if they ____ Christ's teaching (fill in the blank).
10. True or False. People who hear the gospel and profess faith will give evidence of that faith in how they obey Christ with their lives. In Greek, obedience is literally translated as "hyper-hearing" which makes obedience our SUPERPOWER!
11. A fool is someone who knows what to do but doesn't do it. What is the danger of hearing Jesus' words but not putting them into practice according to Matthew 7:24-27?
12. Read Matthew 7:28-29. *"When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as their teachers of the law."*
13. Jesus teaches with the authority of God because he is both our LORD to be obeyed and our Savior. Write down one way you would like to align your life to follow Jesus' teaching more consistently this week.
14. Which of the teachings of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount has made an impression on you or challenged the way you lived your life?

Memory Verse Challenge: Matthew 5:3-10

Use hand motions to aid memory of The Beatitudes. At the end of February, submit your memory verse video to LauriHaugen@elmopres.org for a prize!

The Beatitudes	Handmotions
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Drop head in repentance, then make crown with your hands upon your head
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.	Look sad then rock a baby
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.	Flex arms, turn flexed arms upside down, now make a round earth with arms
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.	Feed self, then hold up right hand, next rub tummy
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.	Use right middle finger to touch center of left palm, repeat with left middle finger on right palm... represents Jesus' nails in his hands
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.	Draw a heart on your chest with your fingers and then make glasses with your fingers and hold to your eyes
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.	Make a peace sign and then point to self and then point "up" to God
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Make a jab motion like a pirate fighting with a sword, then hold up your right hand, and finally make a crown with your hands upon your head