

**Open Your Heart and Mind**

- As we finish the Sermon on the Mount today, what has stood out to you most from Jesus' teaching?

**Finding God in His Word** (Read Matthew 7:21-29)

- Thinking about Dr. Bruner's quote, why do you think the tone of the sermon changes so dramatically from start to finish?
- What does seeing this flow of Jesus' sermon teach us about reading scripture in its larger context?
- What do you find the most challenging aspect of Jesus' warning?
- Why is a confession of faith in Jesus a vital part of our salvation?
- If we will claim Christ as savior, why is it equally important that our lives are lived with Him as Lord? (Read Romans 10:9-10,
- Discuss the interfacing of a profession of faith and the necessity of works flowing from our faith? (Read Matthew 7:21-22, James 2:14-26) As asked above, why is it important to read and apply all of scriptures teaching rather than isolating verses or passages from one another?
- How is it that seemingly Christian religious activity can be done without the power of the Holy Spirit, or by demonic influence directly? (Read Acts 19:13-16, 2 Co. 11:13-15, 2 Thess. 2:9-12, Rev. 13:11-14)
- Much of what we have been looking at over the last several weeks flows out of the teaching Jesus gave to begin chapter 7 – judging inappropriately and judging appropriately. How does Jesus teaching in Matthew 7:1-5 apply to the warning of 7:21-23? How do you assess your own life in Christ? How do you assess others? (Read Galatians 5:16-26)
- Jesus applies 7:21-23, through the parable of 7:24-26. What are the application points? How have you seen this type of scenario play out in your own life? Why does knowing Jesus give the security we want in times of trouble and difficulty?
- Why does obedience to Christ and His teaching bring peace and security I times of difficulty, challenge, or trouble?

**Live the Christ Life**

1. Do you truly know Jesus Christ yourself? From a biblical perspective (Read Mt. 4:17; Jn. 14:15, 23, 15:10-12; Ro. 6:17-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:18; 1 John 1:5-10, 5:2-3)