



Jesus' gospel is not just the offer of salvation, but the declaration of sovereignty. This is the clear message of his Sermon on the Mount. It is a call to find the truly blessed life by taking a narrow path most won't choose—the way of King Jesus.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 As you reflect on this series, what part of the Sermon on the Mount is most helpful and/or challenging to you? Follow up: What is one thing that stood out to you the most from this series and how has that encouraged you to live *The Way of King Jesus*?

2 Read Matthew 7:13-29. What does ending with these warnings say about the weightiness of Jesus' teaching and the serious nature of being His disciple?

3 WISDOM IS THE DIFFERENCE... *between knowing and doing.* Rick mentioned that *Jesus leaves no room for third options* (he highlights two paths, two kinds of prophets, two judgments on discipleship, and two ways to build a life). Which one of those is most challenging to you? Follow up: What is Jesus calling for?

4 PUTTING JESUS' WORDS INTO PRACTICE... *is the road less traveled.* Read Matthew 7:13-14. *Jesus is comparing people who admire him to people who obey him.* Why is the broad road more attractive to so many people? Follow up: How have you experienced the road less traveled to be the one that leads to wisdom and true life?

5 PUTTING JESUS' WORDS INTO PRACTICE... *is the evidence of prophetic anointing.* Read Matthew 7:15-20. *One reason people wind up on the broad road is that so-called spiritual leaders direct them there.* How can we tell if a prophet's fruit is good or bad? What standards do we have to discern whether or not we can trust someone as a teacher?

6 PUTTING JESUS' WORDS INTO PRACTICE... *is how Jesus keeps score.* Read Matthew 7:21-23. *Appearances can be deceiving...* On the surface, what might we admire about those described in these verses? In spite of their admirable statements or actions, why does Jesus condemn such people? Follow up: What do these verses tell us about self-deception and false assurance? What is Jesus looking for in his followers?

7 PUTTING JESUS' WORDS INTO PRACTICE... *is the way to build a life that will last.* Read Matthew 7:24-27. How has putting Jesus' words into practice helped you build a life that lasts? Also, tell of a time when obedience to Christ helped you survive a storm in your life. Follow up: Rick closed by pointing out that **"Wisdom knows the difference between a sermon being finished and a sermon being done."** Read Matthew 7:28-29. What difference does the authority of Jesus make in your life? What part of your life has gotten "wiser" because of it?

