



## **The Heart of the Matter Series (Sermon on the Mount) “Authentic Christianity” (Matthew 7:13-23)**

### **Recap**

- **Finish Chapter 5**
- **Finish Chapter 6**
- **Chapter 7**
  - **Who’s the Judge**
  - **“Just Ask”**

### **Notes:**

- I. Authentic Christianity begins with true conversion (vv. 13-14)**
  - A. Two gates leading to two different roads.**
  - B. Enter through the narrow gate.**
  - C. The wide gate leads to destruction-many find it.**
  - D. The narrow road leads to life-few find it**

### **Notes:**

- II. Authentic Christianity produces a fruitful life (vv. 15-20)**
  - A. Two trees producing two different kinds of fruit.**
  - B. “Watch out for false prophets**

1. They are dangerous and deceptive.
  2. You will recognize them by their fruit.
- C. Every good tree bears good fruit:
1. Obedience to Christ and his words
- D. A bad tree bears bad fruit:
1. cut down and thrown into the fire.

**Notes:**

- III. Authentic Christianity ends with a favorable judgment (vv. 21-23)**
- A. Two professions resulting in two different destinies**
- B. A Person who professes faith in Christ and does the will of the Father will enter the Kingdom of Heaven.**
- C. The Person who professes faith but does not actually follow Christ will be turned away by Christ himself.**
1. Your words will not save you on that day
  2. Your deeds will not save you on that day
- D. I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!**
1. Not authentic Christianity because of no real relationship with Christ.

**Notes:**

**Application:**

- **Choices**
  - What road will we choose
  - What fruit we choose to bear
- **Eventually we will be judged by our choices and then we will not have a choice of where we end up.**
- **Scary to think about, but remember our hope is in Jesus and nothing else. Thank God for his Grace, his mercy and his love.**