

How Jesus *Ended* His Sermon

Matthew 7:13-27

You're not Good Enough. And that's a Good Thing

Growth Group Questions Week of May 20, 2018



1. Take time before Growth Group to re-read Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in one sitting. What struck you from our study and your reading? Share a thought or two with the group? How is God changing you?
  
2. As Jesus concluded His Sermon (Matthew 7.13-27), we see His stern warnings were not directed toward bad people outside the church—people who have no time for God, who live as they wish, people who have chosen the wide gate and road. But rather, His warnings are inescapably pointed toward those inside the church who have been deceived, or are self-deceived into believing they are good enough.
  - a. Look for other evidences in the rest of Jesus' sermon this is accurate.
  
  - b. The people in Matthew 7.21-23 certainly thought they had entered by the narrow gate (Matthew 7.13-14). How had they misunderstood the narrow and wide gates? Who was actually their savior?
  
  - c. How do we sometimes think "trying harder" and "being better," maintaining our "good person identity" will get us into the narrow gate? How does this contradict the Gospel of Jesus?
  
3. As we come face to face with our failures and sins we realize we are not good enough. But there is One who is good enough, who never hated, never lusted, loves His enemies, does not worry—and He lives inside us. Jesus. This week, as you are weak, tempted, as storms come, don't try harder. Be warned by Jesus! Instead bow in your brokenness, confess you are not good enough, enter by the narrow gate with nothing but Jesus. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11.29-30