"Sand Castles or Fortresses?" Matthew 7:13-27

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- 1. Warning # 1: A false sense of being right with God is a catastrophic error to make, Matthew 7:13, 14, 19, 21, 23, 27.
- 2. Warning # 2: Gates and roads are both important (being truly converted and truly obedient); however, the gate comes first, Matthew 7:13-14.
- 3. Warning # 3: Are you listening to and believing false teachers? Matthew 7:15-20.
- 4. Warning # 4: Does God know you? Matthew 7:21-23.
- 5. Warning # 5: Does your worldview answer life's deepest questions? Matthew 7:24-27, 13, 19, 21, 23, 27.

Discussion questions:

- 1. Ask several members of the group to relate their conversion experience in 2 minutes or less. Ask them to include how their lives have changed over the last several months in obedience to Christ.
- 2. Why does praying a prayer not save? Does our sincerity save? Who saves? Is there a Bible verse than speaks to what must we do to be saved? Acts 2, Romans 10, others?
- 3. Jesus' warnings are fairly straightforward. Why do you think he is so blunt? Is it wrong for us to be blunt?
- 4. Why does Jesus, "strive to enter the narrow gate." Luke 13:23-27. Isn't salvation easy?