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Matthew 7:15-23

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

Read Matthew 7:15-20.

- Remembering that false, pseudo, fake prophets are those who misrepresent God, name some examples of modern-day false prophets.
- What are some of the tactics that modern-day false prophets use to sway people (to keep them on the broad path or knock them off the narrow path)?
- What types of things do you think motivate a false prophet to misrepresent God?

The fruit does not make the tree good; the tree makes the fruit good.

- What do you think this statement means?
- What are some examples of good fruit? Bad fruit?
- How do you think we can discern between good fruit and bad fruit?

Read Matthew 7: 21-23 and John 15:1-8.

- Who represents the good tree—the source of any good fruit we bear?
- How do we get to know the One who will judge our fruit, so that we can truly know He is our Lord?
- In practical terms, what do you think abiding or remaining in Him involves?
- What are some practical steps you can take to be more connected with "The Vine," "The Good Tree?"

Read 2 Peter 1:10.

- The people described in Matthew 7:22-23 believed they were on the narrow path, but they were not. How can you "make your calling and election sure?" (KNOW that you are on the narrow path)
- How did the passage/sermon this week touch, intrigue, challenge, enlighten, convict, upset, affirm or simply make you think?