

Discussion Questions

Matthew 7

1. Read **Matthew 7:1-5** and **Luke 6:37-42**. What is the attitude Jesus is addressing when He says, “Judge Not that you not be judged”? What is the attitude suggested in these verses that would affect your judgment of others?

2. What is the basis of the judgment called for in the following verses?
 - a. **Gal 5:8**

 - b. **Gal 6:1**

 - c. **James 5:19-20**

 - d. **2 Jn 8-11,**
 - a. How does this differ from the “judging” of Matthew 7?

 - b. (Personal) What sins do you judge others for that you are guilty of?

3. Read **Philip 3:2**, **2 Peter 2:1-2** and **Rev 22:15**. How do these verses shed light on the type of people who are referred to as dogs and swine? Considering the last question, what is meant by “holy” and “pearls” in Mat 7:6?

4. What three attitudes are exhibited when a believer:
 - a. Asks?

 - b. Seeks?

 - c. Knocks?

Is there a progression in this triumvirate?

5. **Compare 7:11 and Luke 11:13**. How does the Luke passage inform your understanding of the “good things” God will give His children if they ask?

6. Jesus concludes His sermon with four warnings which use contrasting images.¹

Two Kinds of	The Contrasts	The Warnings
Gates/Ways (vv12-14)		
Two trees (15-20)		
Two claims (21-23)		
Two Builders (24-27)		

7. Matthew 7:21-13 are the most sobering verses in the New Testament. What requirement does Jesus give for one to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

- a. Describe the difference between knowing a person and knowing about a person?
- b. How do the following verses explain what is lacking in the people described in Mat 7:21?²
 1. **Hosea 8:2-4**
 2. **John 3:36**
 3. **John 5:40-43**
 4. **John 6:29**
 5. **John 6:35-40**
- c. In what way did the people of all these passages deceive themselves?³
- d. How do these verses carry a warning for us today?

¹ The Village Church, *The Institute: Matthew Part 1*; 2017

² BSF Study, *The Gospel of Matthew*, (1988)

³ Ibid