

“The Upside Down Life” Discussion Questions

Warning Signs – April 25, 2021

Instructions: Rather than a teaching session, this is a time of mutual discussion and growth. Begin with 1-2 ice breaker questions. Then, after reading the Scriptures, **pick the questions that are of most interest to your group**. Finish with a couple of application questions and prayer together.

Ice Breaker Question (pick 1-2 questions)

1. Share a story about a fork in the road where you made a life-changing choice.
2. What teaching from the Sermon on the Mount has been most meaningful to you?
3. What one thought or idea from Sunday’s message that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?

Read and discuss Matthew 7:12-23

1. Jesus summed up the Sermon on the Mount with the Golden Rule (vs.12). How might he define what Jesus meant in vs.13 by “the narrow gate”?
2. Are there any “false prophets” (vs.15-20) you need to guard against? What “bad fruit” do you see that helps you identify them?
3. What are some of the “good fruit” (vs.17) Jesus is looking for?
4. If the ability to prophesy, drive out demons, and perform miracles is not what Jesus means by “doing the will of the Father” (vs.21), what is?
5. What does it mean to “know Jesus” (vs.23)?
6. What did you learn about God?
7. What did you learn about yourself?

Application

1. In your life, do you tend to walk more on the narrow road or broad road? Explain.
2. What makes the broad road most tempting for you? What makes the narrow road difficult? What makes it rewarding?
3. What needs to change in my life as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
4. Did you follow through with what you committed to do last time?
5. How can you bless someone else as a result of this Scripture and discussion?
6. How can we as a group bless someone in response to this passage?

Pray Together