



Journey Group Lesson for “Practical Teaching” – January 9, 2011

Getting Started

What is the best advice you have ever received?

Who was the best teacher you ever had? Why was that person such a great teacher?

Digging Deeper

Read Matthew 7:24-29. What are your thoughts as you read this passage?

What happens to the person who puts Jesus’ teaching into practice? How have you seen this truth lived out in your life or in the lives of others? What happens to those who do not put Jesus’ words into practice? How have you seen this truth lived out in your life or in the lives of others?

What do you think Jesus was trying to communicate in these verses? In what way is the teaching of Jesus special? Why does putting it into practice bring about good things?

Read Matthew 7:21-23. What is surprising about this verse? Who are those who will not enter the kingdom of heaven? Why not? What do you think the “will of my Father” is?

Read Matthew 7:15-20. What does Jesus have to say here about the fruit of our lives? How do you think this relates to the area of practical teaching?

Read Matthew 7:13-14. Jesus says that the way is narrow that leads to life and that few find it. What surprises you about Jesus’ words here? Do you think being a Christian in 21st century America could be described as “the narrow way”? Why or why not?

Bringing It Home

It is clear from Jesus’ words in Matthew 7 that we cannot be His followers in word only. Our walk must match our talk. In what ways does your walk match your talk? In what ways do you fall short?

How can the group pray for you to grow in obedience to Jesus?