

## Message-based Study

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### **Connection**

Memories are connected with emotion. Share a memory that brings you happy emotions.

### **Cheer and Challenge**

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

### **Content**

**The Sermon on the Mount teaches us about God's presence, our posture toward others, how to have purity of heart, what is a right priority in life, and wisdom.**

#### ***Others***

Matthew 7:12 is often called the *Golden Rule*. This teaching of Jesus is both simple and profound. What are practical, daily ways you can live out Jesus' golden rule?

#### ***Eternity***

What is the warning in Matthew 7:13-14? According to this verse, what choice does every person have to make?

Truth, by definition, is narrow; an example is  $1 + 1 = 2$ . Keep in mind that *narrow* does not equate with *negative*. What other examples can you share that demonstrate that truth is narrow?

#### ***Purpose***

Matthew 7:15-20 and John 15:1-8 teach about bearing fruit, doing the most for others and glorifying God. Write down how you can bear good fruit, according to Jesus' words. What does that look like in your daily life?

## ***Deception***

Jesus teaches in Matthew 7:21-23 that just saying “Lord, Lord” or just doing good works will not get one into heaven. Only Jesus’ works, his life, death, and resurrection and believing on them is the way to heaven. Write out John 3:16 and commit it to memory.

Deception is a tool the Enemy uses to keep people from following Jesus. List ways you have seen Satan deceive people.

## ***Trials***

What is the foundation on which we should build our lives according to Matthew 7:24-27? When trials come, what promise does Jesus give to those who build their lives on God, the rock?

## **Commitment**

Which of Jesus’ practical teachings are you willing to work on in your life this week?

“I will \_\_\_\_\_.”



**Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.**

Let your heart be captured by Jesus and surrender your life to Him. Share your story with someone this week of how you surrendered your life to Jesus and what He means to you.