

▼ **Danger, Will Robinson! - Part 1**

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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 7:13-29**

▼ **Purpose of the Sermon (what listeners should do)**

- Respond to the good news. - Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15
- Don't run with the crowd! - Matthew 7:13-14
- Evaluate leaders by their fruit. - Matthew 7:15-20
- Don't call him "Lord" unless you mean business. - Matthew 7:21-23
- Put God's Word into practice. - Matthew 7:24-27

▼ **Respond to the good news. - Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15**

- This is where "Follow the Message" begins!
- Why is it "good news"?
- Does it stir up faith in you?
- Do you see new possibilities for how God could use your life?
- Do you want to see God's Kingdom spread?
- Does it make you want to die to or turn away from something?

▼ **Don't run with the crowd! - Matthew 7:13-14**

- You can't just go with the flow.
- Auto-pilot isn't good enough.
- Is there something for you to die to here?
- "Family Up" means that you join a family, but it doesn't replace the need for you to pay attention to your personal journey.
- If there's no "energy" coming from within you, there's very little for a leader to work with.

▼ **Evaluate leaders by their fruit. - Matthew 7:15-20**

- You have leaders here.
- You may also have other people to whom you look for leadership. Who are the people "in your head" whose approval you seek?
- Sometimes we admire people because they're really good at promoting a tradition, but we don't take the time to evaluate the tradition they promote.

- ▼ Can they lead you through hard times? Have they been through hard times (external circumstances, internal experience)?
 - ▼ Job
 - Job thought wanted to be the defendant in a civil case with God. In reality, God was on trial and he was the star witness for the defense.
 - The Book of Job acknowledges how tough it is to reconcile Job's righteousness, God's justice, and the law of retribution (i.e. good things happen to good people and bad things to bad people).
 - Paul - 2Corinthians 1:1-11
- ▼ **Don't call him "Lord" unless you mean business. - Matthew 7:21-23**
 - Saying it is not the same as doing it.
 - Being religious is not the same as following Jesus.
 - Following Jesus means pursuing his agenda.
- ▼ **Put God's Word into practice. - Matthew 7:24-27**
 - The "rock" in this passage is not Jesus, but rather putting Jesus' words into practice.
 - Your house collapsing means your contribution to the Kingdom becoming null and void.
 - ▼ You're going to have to grow in your knowledge of the Word.
 - Read for familiarity first, comprehension later.
 - ▼ What to read?
 - Read what's next.
 - If you don't know what's next, read what the group is reading.
 - If the group isn't reading anything in particular, read Matthew and Genesis (alternate if necessary).
 - Get together with other brothers and sisters to work on understanding what you read and putting it into practice. Life groups have an important role to play here!
- ▼ **Discussion / Reflection Questions (for next week)**
 - Are you running with the crowd? Discuss.
 - To whom are you looking for leadership? What's their fruit like?
 - Is Jesus Lord? Is he really?
 - How are you putting God's Word into practice?