

3G – Gate
Weekend Discussion Questions
November 29-30, 2008

Community:

1. What was your favorite Thanksgiving moment this year?
2. What was the worst Thanksgiving moment this year?
3. What are you looking forward to this Christmas?

Core:

1. Read Matthew 7:13-14. What are your initial reactions to the meaning of these verses? When you read the phrase, "straight and narrow" what immediately comes to mind?
2. When Jesus says there are only two paths in this life, how does that stand in contrast to what our culture teaches us?
3. Do you think Jesus would be a popular teacher today?
4. Scott said, "There are only two paths in our life. One leads to total loss and the other leads to life." How does that truth impact your life?
5. Read 7:15-20. How does Jesus teach us to identify false prophets?
6. Read Jeremiah 8:11-12. Why is it important for us to be able to identify false prophets?
7. Scott gave us three questions to help us identify false prophets. "Do they point to your health and happiness as the ultimate aim of life?" "Do they point to the easy path?" "Is their life a total lie?" Do those questions line up with what Jesus taught in Matthew 7:15-20? How should that impact who we listen to? Read? Watch?
8. Read Matthew 7:21-23. What is your first reaction to these verses? Do they comfort you or scare you?
9. What reason does Jesus give for saying, "Away from me you evildoers"?
10. Scott said, "The ultimate will of the Father is for us to know Jesus". What does that look like in our lives?
11. Why is it important to distinguish between knowing about Jesus, or doing good things in His name and actually knowing Him?
12. Why is it so tempting to believe that being good will somehow get us into heaven? Read Isaiah 64:6. Why do you think Isaiah used such strong, offensive language in this passage?
13. Read Matthew 7:24-27. Why do you think Jesus wraps up the Sermon on the Mount with this illustration?
14. Read 7:28-8:1. Then read Deuteronomy 30:19-20. How do you see these verses tying in with each other?
15. Scott said "we ultimately get to know Jesus by following Him into the storm, and trusting Him when the rain comes." What does that mean?
16. Scott said, "The best way for us to recognize what isn't true, is for us to know the truth." Read Philippians 3:4-11. How did Paul value knowing Jesus and how did He pursue knowing Jesus?

Challenge:

1. Memorize 1 John 5:14-15
2. Consider sponsoring a family in need this Christmas. (flatironschurch.com/outrageouslove)
3. Check out the blog for further study at flatironschurch.com/blog.



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