The JOURNEYMEN

"We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it to you: come with us, and we will do you good..."
-- Numbers 10:29

Book Study – Matthew 7

Judging, Ask-Seek-Knock, Narrow/Wide Gates, Fruit Trees Wise/Foolish Builders

Before We Begin Our Journey...

1. What would your friends say is your biggest fault?
2. Why are most people apt to believe in heaven but quick to dismiss the reality of hell?
3. What kind of inner alarm (if any) alerts you to the fact that a person is a phony?
4. What is the secret to building great sand castles?

Do Some Digging and Pre-planning...

5. By what measure will we be judged? (7:2)
6. What descriptive word did Jesus use to identify those in verse five? Why? (7:5)
7. Why is it necessary to deal with one's own sins first? (7:5)
8. According to Jesus, what is the result for those who "knock" on God's door? (7:7)
9. What is the likelihood of God giving His praying children what they need? (7:11)
10. What exactly are we called to enter and to avoid? Why? (7:13)
11. What does nature reveal about a tree and its fruit? (7:16)
12. Who will enter the kingdom of heaven? (7:21)
13. What will happen to those who hear and "doeth" and those who "doeth…not?" (7:24-27)
14. What was the reaction of the crowd to Jesus' teaching? (7:28-29)

Sort, Organize, Gain Understanding...

15. When, if ever, should we criticize or judge someone else?
16. How can we become more merciful and nonjudgmental?
17. What do you tend to pray about? For what are you reluctant to pray?
18. "Stay on the straight and narrow" is relevant today. Why?
19. How can people be "religious" yet not follow Christ?
20. How does obedience to God bring security to our lives?

Application for the Journey...

21. Examine your own life before you start criticizing others! How?
22. To whom do you most need to apply the Golden Rule this week?
23. This week, try to place more emphasis upon doing "good works" and see what happens…

A prayer for your journey… *"Lord Jesus, as I walk through this coming week, help me prepare for my journey by reading my Bible more regularly, seeking help as I need it from my Christian friends and focusing on the needs of others instead of myself. Help me to demonstrate my faith by stepping into the unknown, untried, and untested areas of my life."* *-Amen*

Your Notes: