**Matthew 7:15-27 (12/1/2024)**

**SERMON DISCUSSION:** How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

**READ Matthew 7:15-27**

1.From Matthew 7:15-23 find the ways false prophets “seem” like they are true followers of Jesus. Give examples of false teachers you have observed in the world.

2. Why are false prophets/teachers so dangerous according to Matthew 7:15; 24:24; Jeremiah 6:13-14; and Ezekiel 22:27-28?

3. The way to identify false prophets/teachers is to be a “fruit inspector”. Discuss what might be bad fruit and its impact. What do you consider to be good fruit and why?

4. Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven… I never knew you; depart from me.” Why did Jesus say this and who will Jesus recognize (Matthew 7:21-23; 12:50; John 5:40-43; 6:29)?

5. Discuss the analogy Jesus gives of building a house to emphasize the importance of our response to hearing His words (Matthew 7:24-27).

6. What is your response upon hearing Jesus’ words and on what foundation are you building your life? Share methods you are using to build upon your chosen foundation.