

**The River Church**  
**50/50 Bible Study Challenge – Year 2 week #12**

**Matthew 7**

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 7:24 Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

**Talking points:**

Why chapters 5-7 is significant in Matthew's Gospel?

**Verse 1-2**

If Jesus tells us not to judge others, does it mean to ignore and embrace people's sins? If not, what does it mean "not to judge others"? (Explain)

I have heard a lot of unbelievers say Christians are judgemental and they quote this scripture. How would you respond to them?

**Verse 3-5**

How does Jesus use the analogy of the speck of sawdust and the plank to illustrate His point? (Explain)

Why do we need to examine our faults before judging others?

**Verse 6** says "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs."  
How can we discern when it is appropriate to share spiritual truths with others and when it is not?

**Verse 7-8**

What does it mean to Ask, Seek, and Knock? How can we apply this in our prayer life?

What might hinder us from asking, seeking, and knocking persistently in prayer?

How does this verse fit when people say I prayed about it but never received an answer from God?

**Verse 9-11**

How does the metaphor of a father giving good gifts to his children relate to our relationship with God?

Is your prayer one-way or two-way communication with Father? If you have two-way communication how do you do? Explain?

What are some practical ways that we can apply verse 12 in our daily lives?

**Verse 13-14**

What do the narrow and wide gates represent in Jesus's analogy?

**Verse 15-20**

What is the fruit Jesus is talking about so that we can know true prophets from false? Why is it vital for believers to exercise discernment in recognizing false prophets?

**Verse 21-23**

How could they prophesy, cast out demons, and do miracles if they were fakes? (Explain)

What does it mean to do the will of the Father, as mentioned here?

**Verse 24-29**

How does hearing and obeying Jesus's words relate to building on a solid foundation? What are some practical steps we can take to ensure that our spiritual lives are built on a firm foundation?

What sets Jesus's teaching apart from the teachings of the scribes and other religious leaders?