

## Small Group Discussion Guide (2.18.24) — Read Matthew 7:24-29

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- How do all four of Jesus' warnings at the conclusion of his sermon (vs. 13-27) end with a picture of final judgment? Where else have we seen this warning of judgment in this sermon? How should this kind of warning help us to process and understand what Jesus has said in the entire Sermon on the Mount?
- What does Jesus say is the essential difference between the true convert and the false convert?
- Many of you might be old enough to remember the "*Lordship Salvation Controversy*" back in the late 80's which said that Jesus could be "Savior" but didn't have to necessarily be "Lord" of your life. How does Jesus show us here that position is untenable and impossible?
- What were the three differences Joshua pointed out between the two houses? How could some be deceived into thinking they are saved when, in fact, they are not?
- How would you explain to someone then the role of obedience or "works" in the life of a Christian? What are the dangers to be avoided? What are the tensions to be embraced? (see 1 John 2:3-6; 3:4-10; James 1:22; 2:24; Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8-10)
- How might the Sermon on the Mount be a sweet encouragement to the truly converted, and yet a serious warning to the unconverted? Where do you find comfort in this vivid picture Jesus paints of these two houses?
- How were you challenged, convicted, or encouraged from today's sermon?
- Are there some in your life who need to hear this warning? Who might they be? How might the Lord be calling you to speak the truth in love to them?