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Gospel of the Kingdom Bad Pastors

Matthew 7:15-20

Summary: Jesus begins the greatest sermon with the Beatitudes or blessings. Jesus ends with the beware's. We need both or we will simply be plump snacks for the wolves. Jesus has warned us that life has two paths and now He is warning us about bad leaders.

Scripture – Matthew 7:15-20, 5:17; Micah 2:6,11; Galatians 5:22; Revelation 3:8; 2 Timothy 3:16; James 3:1; 2 Peter 2:1-3

Community Group Questions

Introduction

- Why do leaders matter?
- Prophecy is supposed to edify, comfort and/or exhort. Have you ever had someone speak a prophetic word to you?

How to Identify a False Prophet

Pushy (vs.15)

- What are the marks of a pushy prophet?

Cross Dressers (vs.15)

- A cross dresser is a wolf in sheep's clothing. How does a firm knowledge/understanding of the Bible help us identify a cross dresser?
- "The Bible is both true and coming true."

Ravenous (vs.15)

- Discuss 2 Peter 2:1-3
- What is a biblical definition of the heart?
- Why should you use caution in trusting your heart?

Fruit Inspectors (vs.16)

- Describe how you know something/someone is counterfeit?

Time (vs.19-20)

- "Watch and be gracious."
- "There is only one perfect tree, one perfect pastor."