



## DISCUSSION GUIDE OCTOBER 24, 2021

### Dive In

Everyone takes a moment to share their thoughts.

What do you believe are identifying characteristics of a true disciple of Jesus?  
Which of these comes easy for you and which are more challenging for you?

### Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Matthew 7:15-27

<sup>15</sup> “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

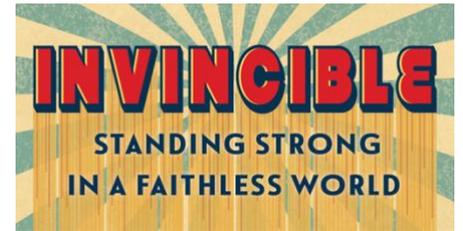
<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

<sup>24</sup> “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. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

- Discuss Jesus contrast of what is true and what is false.
- What is it that Jesus says makes someone a true disciple of Him?
- How do we form a firm foundation in a constantly changing culture?

### Do Big

- What is truth and how do we find it?
- How can we make a stand for truth this week?



### LEADERS

Read:

Matthew 7:13-29

### Key Thoughts

Jesus is helping us discern what is true and what is false. In our culture, the meaning of terms and phrases have been distorted to lessen the standards (commands/teachings) that God has set to meet the standards that the world is trying to impose, and we must stand firm for God’s standard.

### Memory Verse

“Therefore, anyone who sets aside one of these commands and teaches accordingly will be called the least of these in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:19