

Not What I Expected To Hear

Matthew 7:13-27

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What stuck out to you from today's message? How were you challenged, affirmed or convicted by the Holy Spirit?

Are you a Christian? (show of hands) Are you a Disciple? (c'mon, show of hands)...Do these questions create conflict or conviction for you? Why or why not?

Pastor Adam used 4 categories to describe people in Jesus' audience and made the parallel to the church today (Disciple, Lukewarm Culture Christian, Seeker, Skeptic). Which category would you place yourself into? Why?

Re-read Matthew 7:13-27. Which comparison/analogy speaks most directly to you? Why?

Look again at Matthew 7:22. We are all tempted from time to time to try to add things to the Gospel either to try to earn God's favor, other's approval, or to feel better about ourselves. For some it can be things like education, church attendance, moral behavior or cultural affiliations/disassociations, for example. What about for you?

Read Paul's own working through this issue in Philippians 3:4-11. What had you been holding onto that became your "loss" to gain Christ? What are you holding onto now that God is calling you to surrender to prevent your own attempt at self-righteousness.

Does it surprise you to hear the words "I never knew you. Depart from me, you workers of lawlessness" from Jesus. Why or why not?

It has been said that "if Jesus is not Lord of all, then he is not Lord at all." Agree? Disagree? Why?

Is Jesus the Lord of your life? Have you surrendered to Him? Have you trusted in His work instead of your own?

Is yes, how do you experience the assurance of your salvation?