

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 7:15-20

“Kingdom Awareness”

- 1) Why are stories like “The Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing” or “Little Red Riding Hood” so well known?
- 2) How do vv15-20 fit in with the context of Jesus’ words of the wide and narrow gates in vv13-14?

Why is it important to read this passage in context?

- 3) It’s been said, “A soul is a dangerous thing to lose.” What are the ways we walk through life without keeping this dangerous reality on our hearts and minds?
- 4) Jesus warns us to “Beware” in v15. How can we live in a way that is aware of our soul’s eternal destination?

What are some spiritual disciplines that help us in this? How can you grow in this?

- 5) Looking at the context of vv15-20, what is the specific message of false prophets that we are to be watchful of?

- 6) How do we see the message of ease and comfort and prosperity in the world today?

What are some ways we even live that out in our daily lives?

- 7) Why is it sometimes difficult to recognize false prophets?

- 8) Jesus tells us that we will recognize them by their fruits (vv16a,20). What is the fruit that we will be able to recognize them by?

Why is this fruit not *only* what others say? And, why is this fruit not *only* what others do?

- 9) Why must true prophets – and followers of Christ, in general – emphasize sin, savior, and saving grace/faith? How does the Bible emphasize these?

You will recognize them by their fruits.

- Matthew 7:16a,20