

NOTES & QUOTES

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**BEAUTIFUL
LIFE**



WEEK 10 - BE THE HERO
JUNE 30, 2019

CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Have you recently completed, or do you have any upcoming building projects on your to-do list?
2. Who was one of your childhood heroes? Who would you identify as a hero of yours today?
3. In Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus gives a warning about “missing out”. Has there ever been an event that you were really disappointed to have missed out on?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. In chapter 7, Jesus is illustrating the principles of “The Beautiful Life” through a series of metaphors that come in pairs. Look at verses 13-29. List all the pairs you can find. (e.g. narrow gate/wide gate)
5. Read Matthew 7:13-14. The narrow road leads to life, and the wide road leads to destruction. Why do you think it’s so hard for people to enter through the narrow gate? If faith is so simple, why do people struggle to follow Jesus?
6. Read Matthew 7:15-23. Jesus gives us a warning to beware of false teachers and prophets – the “wolves in sheep’s clothing”. Who or what are some of the people, ideas, and trends that are present in our world today that are the equivalent to “wolves in sheep’s clothing”?
7. Jesus tells us that we will be able to identify those who are in true relationship with him based on the “fruit” which they produce. What kind of fruit should we look for in the life of true followers of Jesus? What are the things in your life that help produce godly and sustainable fruit?

8. Read Matthew 7:24-29. The foolish man built his house on the sand. What does the sand illustrate? If you could identify an area of “shifting sand” in your life right now what would it be?
9. Jesus says that a wise person not only hears God’s word but puts it into action. Do you regularly hear from Jesus? How? What is your plan for getting into the Word of God and learning to listen to Jesus through prayer, meditation and solitude on a regular basis?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

10. How can building your life upon the foundation of Jesus protect you in life’s storms?
11. Most of the Sermon on the Mount was taught with the Pharisees listening or with them in mind. If you were honest, are there similarities between your life and faith and that of the Pharisees? How would you like God to change or deepen your inner life and faith?
12. Over the last year we have looked at the Sermon on the Mount through three teaching series: Altitude, Teach Us to Pray and The Beautiful Life. As you reflect back, what major themes or insights move up have stuck with you? If you had a flash card with three statements on it that would act as your summary to all that Jesus has taught us in Matthew 5-7, what would be on your flash card?

Pause, Ponder, and Pray

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24