

Prove It

Where Do I Start? – 1/19 Talk

I'm so excited for this series, and I think it will be so impactful for your groups! Don't feel like you have to go through everything that is written! If your group needs to spend more time on one part, feel free to do that. Make sure you take time at the beginning to welcome any new people or guests and don't assume that everyone knows everyone. Give them a chance to introduce themselves and to share a little about what is happening in their lives.

- Did anything from the talk stand out to you this week?
- Read Matthew 7:15-20
 - What is a prophet?
 - (Someone who tells others what God has said)
 - What is a false prophet?
 - What do false prophets teach?
 - Why would someone be a false prophet?
 - What is most dangerous about a wolf in a sheep costume?
 - The sheep don't recognize the danger
 - What would you expect to be the fruit of a true prophet?
 - People follow Jesus, people become more like Jesus, the prophet becomes more and more like Jesus...
 - What would you expect the fruit of a false prophet to be?
- Read Luke 6:43-45
 - What does Luke bring to this account?
 - Why does the mouth give the prophet away?
 - Does your mouth show others what is in your heart?
- Read Philippians 2:12-13
 - How do you work out your own salvation?
 - (Do you believe in Jesus, do you submit to Him as your King, are you pursuing Him, is the Holy Spirit active in your life, are you looking more like Jesus, are you recognizing, confessing, and dealing with sin in your life?)
 - Why would you do this in fear and trembling?
 - Because it was purchased for you at an incredible price
 - Imagine you allowed your own child to die to save many others
 - Would you ever be ok with them treating that callously?

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- Who does the work of salvation?
 - God!
 - And only God, it is a free gift, by grace, through faith
- So, where does our desire and ability to work for God come from?
 - God, and only God
 - We must always remember what is *done* in us by Christ is greater and always precedes what we *do* for Him
 - When we are challenged by the Word to *do* something for Christ, where should we look first?
- How can we please God, according to this passage?