



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- 11th March Sunday 2017

Series- Hearing & doing Prt 6

Reading: Matt. 7:1-14.

The Narrow Way

Marcus Reid

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matthew 7:13-14

1. Walk in the narrow way, by refusing to be judgmental. (Matt. 7:1-6)
2. Walk in the narrow way, by praying to a God who reveals himself as father. (Matt. 7:7-11)
3. Walk in the narrow way, by choosing to do to others as you would have them to do to you. (Matt. 7:12-14).

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Matthew 7:1-2. What does Jesus mean by saying- “with the measure you use it will be measured to you?”
2. Read Matthew 7:3-5. What is Jesus comical picture and what does he mean by it?
3. Read Matthew 7:6. Do you think that this verse is related to the five before it? If so-how?
4. Read Matthew 7:7-14. Put verse 7 into your own words. What do you make of this categorical promise / what does it mean and what is Jesus trying to say? How is “fatherhood,” related to the Christian practice of prayer?
5. How do you think verse 12 fulfills the law and the prophets?

B. Meditation & application

6. How would you apply verses 1-5 here to your own life? At what times are you tempted to be most judgmental? What do you think not giving pearls to pigs means? How does this apply to you?
7. How believable do you find verses 7-8? What experiences in your life challenge this promise? What experiences of answered prayer have you had where you have seen the truth of this promise?
8. What good gifts from your heavenly father are you currently needing? How does Jesus’ teaching encouraging you to keep on asking, seeking and knocking?
9. How does verse 12- challenge you in your treatment of others?

Dear heavenly Father, thankyou for leading us and challenging us toward the narrow way of Jesus. We know that in him there is life. Help us to walk in that way with your strength. Apprentice us- so that we might more and more bear fathers image. In Jesus Name- Amen