



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Series- Hearing & doing Prt 7

Reading: Matt 7:24-37.

### **Obedience & Authority**

**Marcus Reid**

*21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Matthew 7:21*

1. Authority to determine who enters his kingdom. (Matt 7:15-23)
2. Hearing & doing is the way to life. (Matt 7:24-29)
3. Jesus the one who spoke with authority. (7:28-29)

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Matthew 7:15-29. What does Jesus say about false teachers? How do they present and how can we discern between the legitimate and false prophet according to Jesus?
2. Read Matthew 7:24-29. Who is the wise man and who is the fool according to Jesus? James says in his letter- "do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves." How is what he is saying similar to Jesus words here? What is deceptive about merely listening to the word?
3. Read Matthew 7:28-29. What was the crowds response to Jesus teaching and how is it in some ways exemplary?

### **B. Meditation & application**

4. How do you feel about Matthew 7:21? What does Jesus mean and how does it relate to the idea of justification by faith?
5. What do you think of the quote: "Jesus always subordinates the gifts of the Spirit to the fruit of the Spirit and submission to Jesus' Lordship." What does he mean and how might this apply to you?
6. What are some teachings of Jesus that you have heard in the sermon on the mount but are yet to put into practice? How could you address this so that hearing turns into doing?
7. What authority have you given Jesus in your life?

Dear heavenly Father, We want to be wise and we thank you for sending Jesus in order that we might truly know and see wisdom from heaven. Help us to value obedience and character (fruit of the Spirit), and obedience to the one who has been given all authority and power- In Jesus Name; Amen!