

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Week 16

**Read Matthew 7:13-14**

**Note:** This last section brings 3 metaphors to illustrate the wisdom and priority of following Christ. This passage may be short, but it carries an important word of warning for us to meditate on. How do we follow Christ when He goes against the crowd? You might want to read John 6:66-71 for an example of Jesus putting this into practice (this was the response to Jesus' teaching that started in v.25).

**Retell:** Summarize in your own words what Jesus is saying about following Him.

**Discuss:** What does this passage say about Jesus?

What is the danger in mindlessly following the popular conceptions of Jesus and church?

Have you ever had to go against the crowd in order to follow Jesus? What did it feel like? What made it difficult for you?

What crowds do you have the hardest time going against? Try to name something you disagree about within your own tribe or crowd with which you identify.

**Application:** Take a moment to pray and listen. How might you take a practical step today to faithfully go against the crowd and follow Jesus? Share with the group and pray about them together.

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