



NOT EVERYONE Matthew 7:21–23

CONNECT

1. As we recognize the July 4th holiday, what's your family's story of living in the USA? In what ways has your family experienced blessings or struggles from living in this country?

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2. What are some mischaracterizations of Jesus you see and hear in the world around you? Where in Scripture specifically shows a different (and correct) portrayal of Jesus?
3. In Matthew 7:21–23, Jesus points forward to “that day.” Based on these verses, as well as Matthew 25:31–33, what do we learn about that day? Who is the judge? What are the possible outcomes for people?
4. Jesus says that merely identifying yourself with Him (verse 21) and claiming to have done things for Him (verse 22) is not enough to enter the kingdom of heaven. Pause to consider yourself standing before Jesus on that day. Would He say that He knows you? On what basis?
5. What does Jesus mean by doing the will of the Father?
6. How would you respond to someone who says that all roads lead to heaven?
7. Read Psalm 1 together as a group. How does the psalmist's message line up with Matthew 7:21–23?

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8. It's a motivating (and haunting) reality that not everyone who claims Jesus is saved and that many are on the road to destruction (see Matthew 7:13–14). Who in your life is part of the “many” that are on the road that leads to eternal punishment? How might you come alongside them this week to point them to Jesus? Pray together for their salvation.