

Review & Study: BEWARE

A. Review **Matthew 7:24**

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (ESV)

B. Answer the following questions about **Matthew 7:15-20**.

1. What did Jesus teach his disciples just prior to what he taught them according to these verses (See verses 13 & 14)? How might this relate to this warning that follows in verses 15-20?
2. According to the first word in verse 15, what does Jesus want us to do? What does this mean? What does the term translated “false prophets” refer to? Where will these false prophets be? What will they appear like? What does Jesus say that false Prophets are actually like? Why are these people so dangerous?
3. According to verse 16, what did Jesus say about recognizing false prophets? What does Jesus question in this verse and relate to us about recognizing false prophets?
4. In verses 17 and 18, Jesus is recorded to have referred to two types of tree? What are the two types of trees and how can their condition be recognized? Why do farmers plant fruit trees? How can knowing this truth about trees help you in identifying false prophets?
5. According to verse 19, what is done with fruit trees that don’t produce good fruit? Why do you think that Jesus added this warning to his teaching?
6. What does Jesus then say, according to verse 20? Why was it important for Jesus to repeat what he said earlier?

C. Application activities

1. Brain storm to come up with a list of the kinds of fruit that faithful followers of Jesus produce. Next, check out the Bible’s list of “Spirit fruit” in Galatians 5:22-23 and add to your “brained storm” list, anything that is missing.
2. Brain storm to come up with a list of the kinds of fruit that false prophets produce.
3. Plan to do as Pastor Kevin requested at the end of Sunday’s message video. Find a few short Bible passages that are meaningful to you to share with others to encourage them with truth. Then simply read a passage that you selected when you are with others and share why it is meaningful to you.