

Matthew 7 Study Guide

Almost certainly the chapters we call “The Sermon on the Mount” were not the entire message Jesus had for the people that day. They are the highlights of the sermon that Matthew put together as a summary of Jesus’ message about living life in the upside down kingdom.

READ. Jesus used proverbs and parables to teach about life and the kingdom of God.

Look up “proverb” in a good dictionary and write the definition that best fits the way Jesus used proverbs.

In chapter 7 he uses three proverbs that are well known. The first is in verse 6. Rewrite the idea of this proverb in your own words.

The second proverb is in verse 7. What was Jesus trying to encourage with this proverb?

Though “knocking on the door” can be understood today as being persistent in working toward your goals, Jesus meant it in a different way. How is his instruction different?

What reason did Jesus give for being persistent in “asking, seeking and knocking?”

The final proverb is the best known. It is in verse 12. Why would following this proverb make for a better world? Explain.

How is this proverb an example of upside down kingdom living? How does it contrast with how people usually live?

