



Decision Needed

April 10, 2022

Reflect + Discuss

- Have you ever wrestled with joining a group of people (like a college, team or company)? If so, how did you decide whether to join them or not?
- Pastor Charles said, “We want God’s power; we don’t want God’s character.” What is your initial reaction to a statement like this? In what ways does this ring true for you?
- Read Matthew 7:13–27 and answer any/all of the following:
 - o What stands out to you? What questions do you have?
 - o Why does Jesus include a warning against false prophets? How are we able to recognize false prophets?
 - o What is most attractive about Jesus’ invitation? What is most challenging?
- Heaven is filled with people who desire to fully love and image God. Hell is where God has withdrawn His presence for those who don’t want to love and image Him for eternity. How do these descriptions of heaven and hell differ from the ideas you grew up with?
- Does the Sermon on the Mount describe the kind of person you want to become? Looking at the list of characteristics of kingdom people ([found here](#)) described in the Sermon on the Mount, which characteristics are evident in your life? Which characteristics would you like to intentionally move towards, and what are some habits you could work to establish that would help build these characteristics?

Dig Deeper

- Read the entire Sermon on the Mount to experience it as one cohesive speech, just as Jesus’ audience did. What stands out to you? What do you understand better after the Becoming series? What questions do you still have?

Pray

- Take some time to reflect on Jesus’ invitation in the Sermon on the Mount. Ask for wisdom and discernment in your next steps towards becoming the type of kingdom person that Jesus describes.

Next Steps

- Set aside some time to retreat in the next week or so – this could be a full day, half day, or even an hour or two. Add the time to your calendar and check out the retreat booklet (available on the [Becoming Resources page](#)) for some ideas on how to spend your time.