



Sermon Discussion Guide - June 7, 2025
Thy Kingdom Come - Warning, False Prophets

- 1. Have you ever trusted someone who gave you information or taught you something that ended up being false? What happened? What was the outcome of your relationship with that person?**
- 2. Read Matthew 7:15-20**
 - *Jesus says to “beware of false prophets.” What do you think “beware” implies? How would you define what a false prophet is?*
- 3. The passage says that false prophets come in “sheep’s clothing”, but we can recognize them by their fruit.**
 - *Think about things that a person can control to give an impression of who they are. What would some of those things be?*
 - *Think about the metaphor of “fruit.” What does “fruit” reveal about the tree or plant that it is on? What other implications does the “fruit” metaphor carry?*
- 4. Ben said that “discernment is formed more by saturation than suspicion.”**
 - *What are ways that you “saturate” yourself in the truth of God’s word?*
 - *What practical steps can you take to ensure a person you allow to influence you is safe? How are discernment and suspicion different?*
- 5. What are the marks of authenticity we should be looking for in our spiritual leaders?**
 - *Read and compare the lists that Paul wrote to Timothy in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. What “marks of authenticity” are most important to you? Why?*
- 6. Here are 3 questions of discernment: 1) Is this giving glory to Jesus, or elevating a person, platform, movement or ideology? 2) Is the message shaped by scripture, or is scripture being shaped by the message? 3) Is this person willing to be corrected, questioned and be held spiritually accountable?**
 - *Are there any speakers, authors, videos, etc that currently influence you that you need to apply these questions to?*
- 7. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today’s discussion?**