

1. Have you ever been around someone you suspected of simply offering empty words? How did it make you feel? How could you have been convinced the words were more than just empty?
2. Read Matthew 7:21–23. What are the parameters by which a person can demonstrate a false faith according to Jesus? How can a false faith look like a true one?
3. What does Jesus say is the mark of one who *may* enter the kingdom of heaven? How does this jive with our understanding of grace?
4. Read 7:22. In what ways do people tend to rely on manifestations of faith at the expense of genuine faith?
5. Take a moment to reflect on the following questions:
 - a. Do you tend to rely on what you've *said* to Jesus over the attitude of your heart demonstrated by your actions?
 - b. Are you doing the right things for the wrong reasons?
 - c. Are you relying on or overemphasizing phenomena, or signs?
 - d. Do you have an undue interest in the church as an institution while neglecting a relationship with Jesus?
 - e. Do you place an emphasis on the social aspects of Christianity rather than the personal?
 - f. Is your faith purely academic?
 - g. Does your doctrine of grace cancel out your doctrine of sanctification?
6. As the Lord brings conviction to you about these things, confess them to Him and renew your confession. Tell him what you believe. Then, renew your commitment. Ask him for the strength to turn your confession into action, as marked by what we've learned in the Sermon on the Mount.