Series: Upside-Down Kingdom
Passage: Matthew 7:21-23
Saturday: August 10, 2024

Matthew 7:21-23 ESV

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one
who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did
we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in
your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of
lawlessness.'

1. When was a time when you were denied admission to a place you wanted to go?

2. What is your first response to the beginning of verse 21? Without any context, does the verse seem harsh?

3. What is the will of the Father? What does following the will of the Father look like?

4. How does verse 22 show that good works is insufficient for salvation?

5. Looking at verse 22, what is the difference between a faithful disciple and the person described in this verse? What grants the true disciple salvation?

6. What does Jesus mean when He says, “I never knew you”? How do you know for certain that Jesus knows you?

7. In what ways are you tempted to trust your words, confession of faith, and works for salvation? In other words, do you try to earn your salvation?