

GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

February 26th, 2023

WARM UP

Pastor Jeff in his message concerning leveling the playing field and declaring there is room at the table for "ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE" contrasted it against those who just obey. What does that mean to you? (ref. Jn. 6:40, Jn. 3:16, and Jn. 11:25)

R E A D Matt. 12:43-50

ASK

- Read Matt. 12:43-45. What can we learn from this parable about the difference between surface/short term and heart/long term remedies for people's spiritual condition?
- Pastor Jeff spoke of the dangers of not establishing a firm belief in Christ. How does that relate to Matt. 12:43-45? What do you believe is the something else that will take that space empty of Christ?
- Read Matt. 12:46-50. What do we learn about the relationship we can have with Christ in these verses? Why is this important? How does this impact you?
- These beloved ones (vv. 49-50) who do the will of God, how do they stand in contrast to the generation represented by the Pharisees (Matthew 12:39)?
- Pastor Jeff stated that "the Pharisees were proud of their "clean houses," but their hearts were empty". Have you ever found yourself like that? If so, how did you seek to fill your heart with Jesus? (ref. Rev. 3:20)

PRAY