

# DISCERN CAREFULLY

March 31, 2019

Matthew 7:15-20

I. Approach \_\_\_\_\_ because looks can be deceiving. – v. 15

III. Avoid carefully to bear \_\_\_\_\_ for God's glory.  
– v. 19-20

II. Assess closely the \_\_\_\_\_ of their life. – v. 16-18

**LOOK FOR LEADERS WHO \_\_\_\_\_ LIKE JESUS.**

## **Stewardship Report:**

Last Week: \$3,894.00

This Month: \$24,101.00

Last Month: \$19,022.00

Monthly Budget: \$19,017.00



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## SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

If we want to follow and glorify Jesus, we must follow leaders who do the same.

### 1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Matthew 7:15-20. What does Jesus' description teach us about false prophets/leaders? How does the Bible teach us to discern true from false teachers/leaders?

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What does Jesus say is the outcome for false teachers/leaders? What results from following a false teacher/leader?

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### 2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What things, people, organizations or areas do we tend to evaluate based on level of results rather than quality of life/character? Why do we do this and what is the result? How does this relate to Jesus' teaching in this passage?

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Is there anyone in your life that you have trusted spiritually without first examining their life and fruit? What do you need to do to correct this in light of Jesus' warning?

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### 3. APPLY THE TRUTH

List the spiritual leaders in your life — those who help you grow spiritually (family, friends, Small Group leaders, local church leaders, pastors (local or via media). On a scale of 1-5 how much influence do they have on you spiritually? One a scale of 1-5 how well are you able to assess the fruit of their life?

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### 4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Based on your ratings above, who do you need to give more or less spiritual influence in your life? What will you do this week to make the needed changes?

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