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Straight Talk About Fruit & Foundations

Matthew 7:15-29

The Fruit Reveals the Root - vs. 15-23

Your _____ talks and your _____ talks, but your _____ talks louder than your talk talks.

The Flood Reveals the Foundation - vs. 24-27

Syncretism = Blending two different _____.

Questions to Ask When You Doubt Your Salvation

- Have you confessed that you are a sinner who needs Jesus to save you?
- Have you stopped trying to save yourself?
- Do you feel convicted over your sin?
- Do you hunger to know more about God through spiritual disciplines?
- Do you love God and others more than yourself?
- Do you have new hope beyond this world?
- Do you want to tell others about Jesus?

Connection Card Next Steps -

***Step 1 - I will examine** my life's foundation using the questions

Pastor Trevor sends me.

***Step 2 - I will ask God** to show me specific opportunities to grow in the Fruit of the Spirit (listed in Gal. 5:22-23.)



- Read John 10:27-29 and 1 John 5:11-13, both written by one of Jesus' closest disciples. What comfort do these verses offer you when circumstances (including your own behavior) make you doubt your salvation?
- Read Galatians 5:16-24. This passage contrasts the fruit of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. What are specific situations where you have seen your behavior display more of the fruit of the Spirit as you mature as a Christian?
- Many Christians worry that they're not really saved because they still struggle with sin. Read 1 John 1:5-10. What insight does this give you on sin and a professing believer? What is the difference between habitual sin and other sins we commit as Christians? (Hint: Pay attention to where John uses the word "walk.")