

# Passages

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GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

## Small Group Discussion Questions Session 3: Warnings

**As you begin:** Spend a few minutes in small talk. Try using another ice breaker question that you received in your Small Group Starter Kit. Here are two other starter questions:

- What did you do on our bomb cyclone (blizzard) day last week?
- If you're doing the daily readings and reflection, what is a verse, story or teaching that has been significant for you?

**VIDEO #3: Watch the video (prior to your meeting, download the video if your internet runs slowly).**

1. Jesus ends the Sermon on the Mount with three warnings about the spiritual life: Make sure you go through the narrow gate; Watch out for people who will lead you off the road; And don't think that tagging along with others will get you where you want to go. Which warning have you heeded well and how? Which warning is most pertinent to you today? Why?
2. Confession time: Tell about a time when you ignored Jesus' teachings about forgiveness, anger, judging others or retaliating against your enemies? How did you rationalize this choice? What kinds of consequences did your actions bring into your life?
3. Tell about someone you know whose life is like the good tree, bearing good fruit. What is some of the fruit you see?
4. How do you feel about Jesus' warning that our deeds and choices matter? Is this good news or bad news to you? Why?
5. Bonus question! How does it work that we are "saved by grace" and we do NOT earn God's love; BUT, our choices are still powerful and they shape our lives?

**As you finish:** Ask people what kind of fruit they would like to be growing in their own lives and pray for each other for that fruit.



This is week three of a five week experience. Plan now to eat a meal together either week five (April 7-13) or week six (April 14-20) which is holy week. Easter is April 21. You could also plan to attend the Good Friday service together on Friday, April 19 at 6:30 pm.

Another great way your small group could serve the community on Easter is to join the Crossroads Easter Team. Just putting that out there.

Don't forget to send a group picture to 970.578.9836 and/or post a picture to social media with #mygroupcrossroadsco (no matter what size your group is).

