

Thornbury Baptist Church  
Small Group Discussion Questions

**Talk Date:** October 26th 2025

**Talk title:** A Tree & Its Fruit

**Passage:** Matt 7:15-23

**Speaker:** Sally Heath

**Discussion Questions**

- Life on the narrow road isn't always easy to follow. In verses 15-20 Jesus warns us about 'false prophets'. In what ways is describing them as being 'disguised as harmless sheep' a good picture of such people?
- Jesus uses a picture of trees to help us to think about recognising such people. How does this help us to recognise a false prophet or teacher?
- Examples in the Bible of false prophets or teachers, or warnings against them, are quite common. You may like to look up one of more of these references:  
Jeremiah 8:8-11; 23:9-30  
Ezekiel 13  
2 Corinthians 11:1-4, 12-15  
2 Peter 2:1-3, 12-22  
1 John 4:1-3
- Have you ever encountered a false prophet or false Christian teaching? If so, how did you (or would you) know that it was false?
- How would you advise someone who was concerned that someone had been giving false teaching?
- In Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus challenges everyone who thinks that are on the narrow road. How would you define 'doing the will of my Father in heaven'?
- How does this show that being a Christian is different from belonging to a club (eg a brass band)?
- How do you find the idea of judgement – the bad trees cut down and burnt and those Jesus tells he doesn't know?

**Takeaway**

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

Spend time praying with one another in the light of your discussion.