

4/14/19 | Red Letters: Hopeful



"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." —Acts 4:12 | NIV

1. Have you ever tried to take a shortcut and gotten way off track? Explain.
2. What does getting off track have to do with hoping in Jesus?
3. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? What stuck out to you from Matthew 7 this week? Explain.

Two Paths

4. Read Deuteronomy 18:20-22. How were the Israelites supposed to distinguish between a false prophet and a prophet from God?

Can this strategy help us today? How so?

5. Read 1 John 4:1-6. How are we supposed to recognize false teachings?
6. How can recognizing false teachings help us to find the narrow gate to the path of life?
7. Can we know which path we are on?
8. Read Lamentations 3:40, 1 Corinthians 11:28, and 2 Corinthians 13:5. Why should believers examine themselves?

How should we examine ourselves?

9. Read Psalm 119:57-60. How do you think David (the author) considered his ways? How did he turn his feet toward the Lord?

10. Read Ezekiel 18:26-32. How can we go from one path to the other? What does the Lord tell us to do?

11. How can you tell if you are on the right path?

12. If you are on the wrong path, how can you get onto the right one?

13. Read 1 Corinthians 3:4-23 about building on the wrong foundation. What is foolish about following people who follow Christ?

14. What does verse 13 say will happen to everyone's work? How does this message make us more vigilant?

15. What does 1 Corinthians 3 have to do with building your hope on Jesus?

TAKEAWAY: Life is full of hope when humbly built on Jesus. What is my life built on?