

Sunday Bible Study Guide | August 17, 2025

Sermon

Indestructible You - Pastor Jared Herd

Scriptures: Matthew 7:13-27; Isaiah 54:2-3; Deuteronomy 19:8

<u>Context:</u> Pastor Jared began a new series, Indestructible, to look at what it means to be an unshakeable Christian. Jesus' message in the Sermon on the Mount stresses the importance of building our faith on a solid foundation. Then when the storms of life come, our roots will have gone so deep that we will stand. Indestructible.

Mixer

1. What has been one "high" and one "low" of your summer 2025? Celebrate and pray with your circle.

Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

- 1. What are the 4 metaphors Jesus uses in Matthew 7:13-20? Describe them.
- 2. What are the warnings of his message in Matthew 7:13-23?
- 3. What encouragement does Jesus give in Matthew 7:24-27?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

- 1. In Matthew 7:13-14, Jesus describes two different ways of life behind the two gates: narrow and wide. How does one lead us to life and the other to destruction?
- 2. From Matthew 7:15-20, Pastor Jared says the fruit of the tree is who you are. How does Jesus use this metaphor to show us how to identify true believers and want-be-believers?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. Why do you think so many people choose to take the wide road, and resist the narrow road?

- 2. What kind of disciple (Christian) are you? Are you a tree with no roots, or a house with no foundation? And how does knowing this impact you?
- 3. What does the foundation of your house look like? Is it built on religiosity (good and moral things we do), or upon grace and gratitude? How would your house look different under the Announcement of the Gospel?
- 4. To enter the narrow gate, you have to let go of your life so you can have it. What scares you more, entering the gate, or what you have to do when you get there?
- 5. What does it look like to be indestructible? What other passages in the Bible reinforce this way of thinking?
- 6. The Bible issues an invitation: We will all meet Jesus Christ at Judgment Day but we can meet him in grace. What do you need to do to start living your life out of grace and gratitude?

Go First Together

Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!

Your Circle Can Make An Impact!

The August Tag Drive is underway! Join us in supporting GenerateHope, a faith-based organization dedicated to helping survivors of sex trafficking find healing and restoration. GenerateHope provides long-term housing, trauma-informed therapy, education, and vocational support to help women recover and build new, purpose-filled lives. Help us by assembling 50 kits to bless the women in GenerateHope's program! Click the QR code for the list of what to build.



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