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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Sermon on the Mount
Episode 8: True and False Disciples
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²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, **did we not** prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never **knew** you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

Jesus ends his Sermon on the Mount with a Warning

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The Redeemed Life is a Living Conjugation of
KNOWING-EXPERIENCING-DOING

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We so often have it backwards, thinking that it is about us knowing God, but in this passage we see that it is about him knowing us.

What is the will?

1. It is a sacrifice of our own will.

- **Matthew 26:39** And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”

2. It is finding initiative in God’s leading rather than our own ambitions.

- **John 5:30** “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

3. It is finding the totality of purpose in doing God’s will.

- **John 4:34** Jesus *said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

Food for the journey: Questions for going deeper in small groups and personal reflection.

1. Jesus' teachings are filled with warnings. How often do you consider these and do they affect your faith journey?
2. The false believers in this passage had the knowing and the doing but not the experience of being known. What does it mean to be known by God?
3. Much of the faith journey has to do with the sacrificing of our own will. How do we know the difference between what is our will and what is God's.
4. Part of being in the will of God is the consideration of our motives. What is the best way to determine motive?
5. Are you a true disciple? How do you know?