



CCC Small Groups Leaders Guide

Luke 16:19-31

The Real Deal
(Authentic Christianity)

Part 1 of 6

People play the comparison game every day.

- Why do you think they do this?
- Do you know such a person?
- Are you such a person?

If Religion is understood as “DO” and Relationship with Jesus is understood as “DONE” , how does that square up in your life?

The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13) deals with the false assumptions of Religion. These might include;

- I attend Church faithfully.
- I give money to the Church.
- I was baptised as an infant.
- I was born into a Christian family.

Can you think of any more religious false assumptions of living an authentic Christian life and reaching Heaven that people might have?

In contrast, when we have an authentic relationship with Jesus we have understanding of;

- Sin and saying no to it and saying yes to Jesus.
- Having the Holy Spirit being a witness within us.
- Growing as a devoted follower of Jesus.
- How Gods Grace works in our lives.
- Gods purpose and plan for our lives.

Take each of these in turn and explore them with the group. Take time to pray for any group members who may not be at this place yet.