

# Life Group Homework

## FOUNDATIONS MATTER

Matthew 7:24-29

### Let's Get Started:

Last week we engaged in studying the words of Jesus that are difficult to hear. Not everyone who calls Jesus “Lord” will be welcomed by him when they die. This week Jesus continues this theme by giving us a story about a person who believes he is heaven-bound and on solid ground—but will actually not be welcomed by Christ because he built his house (life) upon a foundation of sand.

Why do you think Jesus used sand in his illustration and what do you think the sand represents?

### Let's Dig In:

#### Hearers and Doers

Read verse 24 and then turn to James 1:22-24.

What is the theme of both passages of scripture?

What do you think James means when he says, *“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.”*

#### Obedience

It is obvious that Jesus is calling true believers ones who act on “obedience” to do something with what they read in scripture. Why do you think obedience is a stumbling block for many Christians?

Do you think you can be a true Christian and not live a life of obedience to the commands of God in the Bible?

Read I John 2:3-6 and Titus 1:15-16. In your own words, what is the common theme of these two passages?

### **All so much the same...**

In this story of the two builders, both men are engaged in similar activities and have similar experiences.

1. They were both building a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They both heard the same \_\_\_\_\_. (hint: opposite of a lie)
3. They both faced the possibility of their houses being destroyed by \_\_\_\_\_.

### **But oh so different...**

Although they both built a house, heard the truth and faced the same potential rain, wind and floods, what was the main difference between the two builders?

According to I Corinthians 3:11 what is the ONLY foundation you can build your house (life) on and still be found standing when the storms of life hit you? \_\_\_\_\_.

When and how did you first begin to build your foundation on Jesus Christ?

How has building your life on the foundation of Christ helped you weather some storms in your life?

## **Five Foundational Questions**

### **1. Is Jesus Christ the one firm foundation of your life?**

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. How does a Christian “test himself or herself” to confirm they are continually “in the faith?”

### **2. Are you listening to and actively obeying Jesus’ teaching?**

How are you more like Christ than you were a year ago as a result of listening to and obeying Jesus’ teachings?

### **3. Are you confident that your foundation will hold and your life stand when unplanned problems threaten you?**

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. Can you name one trying circumstance recently where God has been faithful in providing for your endurance and provided a way of “escape?”

### **4. Are you building your life with lasting materials so you can be rewarded at the Judgment seat of Christ?**

Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-14. What type of Kingdom building are you engaged in at this season of your Christian life?

## **Let’s Live It Out Together:**

Have you stopped building and do you need to resume the process of discipleship?

Read Luke 14:27-30. Is there a specific area of your life that has hit you and become a difficult cross to bear? Would you like someone in the group to pray for you? Take advantage of this time to get prayed for and encouraged by your small group.

*Remember, Life Group Homework is taking a break for July and August and will resume in September.*