



Growth Group Homework

For the week of March 25, 2018

Sermon on the Mount – Part 22 “Foundations” (Matthew 7:24-29)

Getting started (Think about the answers to these questions so you can share with your group.)

- What is the most epic fail you have ever seen (in life, on video, etc.)?
- What is the best piece of advice you’ve ever been given? Worst?
- Have you ever been *an accident waiting to happen*? Explain.

Review

- Do you sometimes find it difficult to hold to the truth that the only two options regarding spiritual truth are Jesus or not Jesus? What makes it difficult? _____

- For you, what is the most difficult part of Jesus’ words to put into practice? How have you grown in this area over the course of your spiritual journey? _____

- Looking back at the notes from this week’s message, was there anything you heard for the first time, or was there anything that caught your attention or challenged you or confused you? _____

Looking around (What else does God’s word say about this topic?)

Luke 6:47-48 (NIV)—⁴⁷ *As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.* ⁴⁸ *They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.*

- Luke said something about the wise builder that Matthew didn’t include. He said he “dug down deep” to lay his foundation. In what ways must we “dig deep” to make sure our foundation is secure? _____

- What must we do to make sure our spiritual house is *well built*? _____

John 3:36 (NIV)—*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.*

- What’s involved in believing in the Son? _____

- Thinking of John 3:36 as it might apply to the foolish builder, what does it take to reject the Son? _____

Think about it

- When have I been amazed at something in the Bible? _____

- Do I more closely identify with the wise builder or the foolish builder? Why? _____

- Have I experienced a “great crash” in life? How did I respond? Did I learn anything from it? _____

Apply it

- This week, share the story of your faith journey with someone you trust.
- Have you committed your life to Christ? If so, are you building on that foundation with the right kinds of materials? If not, what do you need to do differently? _____

- Is there any debris from former building projects that still needs to be removed? What is it? How does it affect you now? _____

