

MasterClass

LESSONS FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

WARM UP QUESTION

If you could build your house anywhere in the world, where would you build it?

1

Read Matthew 7:24-25. Read these verses in a couple of different translations. What are the two things Jesus says the wise person does in verse 24? How do those two things together make a person wise? Why do you think Jesus compares a life of following Him, not just listening to Him, to a house built on solid rock?

2

Read Matthew 7:26-27. What happens to prove the difference between the two houses Jesus mentions in verses 24-27? Go back and reread verses 13-23. How does Jesus use the metaphors of the two roads, the two trees, and the two builders to make His common point?

3

How have storms in your life shown your own foundation? What does Jesus know about what a life of walking with Him on the narrow path does for our hearts? How can you look at this kind of life as a slow and steady process rather than something instant?

4

Read Matthew 22:34-40. It can be easy to read Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount and get caught up in a works-based religion. How do these later words from Jesus to the Pharisees help you keep them in context? What step can you take this week to allow this first and greatest commandment to serve as a filter for your actions? What disciplines and rhythms help you love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind?

5

Read Matthew 7:28-29. What was the crowd's reaction to Jesus' sermon? How was Jesus different than the teachers of the law (practically speaking, what did authority look like)? Describe a time when you felt amazed by Jesus after spending time with Him. When are you tempted to be amazed at anyone other than Him? Pray together for a redirection to the only One worthy of our awe and amazement.

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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