



MESSAGE REVIEW

Jesus closes out His manifesto sermon with strong words for His listeners: if you call yourselves my followers, you'll put my words into practice. Storms of life are inevitable. Jesus calls each of us to examine our hearts and ask the question, "What foundation am I building my life on?" Daily decisions determine the strength of our foundation.

WARM UP QUESTION

What is the worst storm damage you've seen or experienced in a home/building?

1 **Read Luke 6:46-49.** What seems to bother Jesus according to verse 46? According to verse 47, what are the first two steps we need to take before we can put the words of Jesus into practice? Which of the three is hardest for you and why?

2 How does the follow-up story Jesus uses prove that the process of putting His words into practice isn't easy? How is living out His commands like digging deep and building a strong foundation? When and why are you tempted to cut corners in this process?

3 **Read James 1:22-25 and 2:14-20.** How are James' words similar to those of Jesus? What stands out to you the most in these two passages?

4 How do we avoid the trap of reading these verses and only hearing the message, "Be a better Christian"? Compare these verses to Ephesians 2:8-9 and Romans 3:22-24.

5 **Read Matthew 7:21-27.** What similarities and differences do you notice between Matthew's account of Jesus' teachings and Luke's account? What next step is God asking you to take to be a doer of His Word and not merely a hearer?

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?

Encourage group members to read Daily Bible Reading on the church app or have it delivered to their inbox daily. Subscribe at tpcc.org/dbr. Use your group chat to check in on thoughts about these throughout the week!