



The Wise Man vs. The Foolish Man

WEEK OF April 29, 2018

Matthew 7:24-27

CONNECT

1. What impacted you the most from Sam Houston's message on Sunday?

2. What comes to your mind when you hear the phrase "Actions speak louder than words"? Who is someone whose walk aligns with his/her talk and how do they live it out?

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3. Read Matthew 7:24-27. How would you describe whether someone is wise or foolish? How might the definitions for what a person considers "wise" and "foolish" differ between Christians and non-Christians?

4. Prior to turning to Christ, each of us built our house on the sand. Did yours “collapse” at some point? Briefly share that experience, how you felt, and what helped you survive.

5. How is God similar to a solid foundation for a building and what differences do you see between people whose foundation is Christ and those with other foundations? Explain how you would you talk about the truth of these verses with someone whose life is not built on Christ.

6. Jesus lists only two outcomes in this parable, why is there no middle ground? Jesus could have ended His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) in many ways. Why do you think He chose this specific parable?

7. How can spiritual disciplines prepare a follower of Jesus before the wind, rain, and floods come into their lives?

8. What was the most recent (or current) “storm” that you endured? Describe the disciplines that best help you maintain a strong, firm foundation in your relationship with Jesus.

9. How does someone without Christ deal with adversity? Why might similar “disciplines” in their lives simply not be enough to help?

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10. Who can you pray for right now whose life is built on sand and what can you do this week to help them?

11. What steps will you take this week to shore up the foundation of your own life?