



What He Said Week 1 – What Jesus Said... About the Things He Said Spiritual Formation Guide

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take the next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Scripture:

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away!"

Luke 21:33

"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash."

Matthew 7:24-27

Reflection Questions:

- What's one thing (besides faith in God) that you think is foundational for life?
- What stood out to you from Sunday's service? How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- How do you view the words of Jesus? To what would you compare them? Read Luke 21:33 out loud. How do you react to that statement from Jesus?
- Eddie shared, "Life comes unassembled." He pointed us to go back to the design and plan of our Creator as we build our lives. Are there words or teachings of Jesus that have shaped your life? What are they and how have they affected you?
- Read Matthew 7:24-27 several times out loud. Consider reading it from several different translations. What do you notice?
- Read the version of the same story in Luke 6:46-49. What stands out to you in this version?
- Eddie shared a few observations:
 - They both desire to build a house – a life

- Both builders hear from God
- Both builders faced trials
- Jesus says one is wise and one is foolish

What do you think Jesus wants the hearers of this story to understand? Do you sense Him saying anything to you today?

- The story and the message emphasized the importance of a deep and trustworthy foundation. How do you react to this imagery? How does it comfort you? How does it challenge you?
- The big question Eddie asked is, “Who or what is the foundation of my life?” Take a moment to be quiet and reflect on that question. (You could have a silent conversation with God or use a pen and paper to write down a few thoughts.) Then, share as a group, as you’re willing to share.
- Take time to close your group with prayer.

Want some resources and ideas for how to grow spiritually? Visit www.wschurch.org/resources to see some of the tools that our team is recommending.

Message Main Points and Scripture:

- **Jesus claimed his words came directly from God.**
- John 7:16 - “My message is not my own; IT COMES FROM GOD who sent me.”
- **Jesus also claimed his words have power to change our lives.**
- Luke 24:32 - “Didn’t our hearts burn within us AS HE TALKED with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”
- **Jesus claimed his words will always be true.**
- Luke 21:33 - “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away!”
- John 14:1-3 - “Trust in God. Trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”
- **Life comes unassembled. A life must be put together – it must be built.**
- Jeremiah 17:9 - “The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.”
- Luke 6:46 - “Why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?”
- James 1:22 - “Don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”
- Matthew 7:24-27 - “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won’t collapse because it is built on bedrock. But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn’t obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.”
- **There is a difference that makes all the difference.**
- **In Jesus’ story, there are two men that share the same vision: they both aspire to build a house – a life.**
- **Both builders hear from God.**
- **Both builders faced trials.**
- Matthew 5:45 - “He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”
- 1 Peter 4:12 - “Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.”
- **Jesus says one of them is WISE and the other is FOOLISH.**
- Luke 6:48 - “It is like a person building a house WHO DIGS DEEP and lays the foundation on solid rock...”
- **Who or what is the foundation of my life?**

- 1 Corinthians 1:20 – “Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”
- **A famous leaning tower in Pisa, Italy**
- **Build your life on the only secure foundation: WHAT HE SAID**