

Two Builders, Two Different Outcomes Sermon Discussion Participant's Guide

Purpose of Discussion: To determine areas of our lives that are built around God and what areas we have kept separate.

Sermon Refresher: This week, Keith preached about the two men who built their houses on different foundations leading to very different outcomes, and how we can similarly do this in our own lives.

Icebreaker: What is the biggest natural disaster you've ever witnessed? What kind of damage did it leave behind?

Discussion:

- 1. What are some foundations our culture tells us to build our lives on today? Which seem most appealing to you?
- 2. Read Matthew 7:24-27 together as a small group.
 - What do the wise and the foolish man have in common? What are their differences?
- 3. Read James 1:22 together as a small group.
 - What are some things that you know in your head that you need to live out in your life?
- 4. One of the four truths Keith talked about was how we need to build our solid foundation *before* the storms come. What are some ways you can start or continue doing that this week?
- 5. What is a storm you've been through and what did it teach you?

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6. Keith concluded the sermon with a reminder that Jesus was built with your storm in mind and that a life built on Jesus will be left standing. It can be hard to remember this truth when you are in the midst of a storm. Is there anyone in your life right now that could use this encouragement? Who can remind you of this when you are suffering?

Sharing and Prayer: Break into smaller groups and share what area(s) of your life you have a difficult time centering on God. How can you grow in that this week? Ask God for help and the strength to build your foundation fully on Him.

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