

# Summer With Jesus

## Week 9 LIFE Group Study – Building a Great Life

### Checking In

What is new in your lives throughout this study? Share 1 thing God has shown you. Think about a time when something caused you great anxiety, briefly what was it?

### Memory Verse

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24

**NOTE: THERE IS NO GROUP VIDEO FOR THIS SERIES**

### ***FACILITATION FOR THE GROUP LEADER***

**NOTE:** *Use the following as a guide as you prepare to lead your group time. Use what is helpful for you to facilitate the discussion. Discovery questions and the group guide follow this material:*

Jesus was a builder by trade. We think of him as a carpenter, but he was more, he was a builder of large things.

In this passage Jesus concludes his sermon with the question that is so typical of a builder. What is the foundation of your life? In building foundations are everything.

Read this together....

**“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn’t act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, because he was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.**

### **Matthew 7:24-29**

- He gives you the chance to hear and respond, act on his teaching.
- He says this is the pathway to wisdom.

**The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: For learning wisdom and discipline; for understanding insightful sayings; for receiving prudent instruction in righteousness, justice, and integrity; for teaching shrewdness to the inexperienced, knowledge and discretion to a young man— let a wise person listen and increase learning, and let a discerning person obtain guidance— for understanding a proverb or a parable, the words of the wise, and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and discipline.**

### **Proverbs 1:1-7**

- Jesus is the rock on which we build our lives!
- The same word used here for bedrock is the same word Jesus used to describe the building of his church. He said that he was the foundation, and we are the living stones which he uses to build his church.

**And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.**

### **Matthew 16:18**

- We are called a building lives church because we do what Jesus instructed, building lives!

- A life built on any other foundation will not stand the test of life!
- What is your foundation?

Don't you want the one building your life being the one who created you in the first place?

## **Discovery Questions**

- How is your foundation on solid rock? Give an example how this works practically in your life.
- What would you need to tear down to build a more solid foundation? Who needs to help you?
- At this point in your life do you need more processing of God's direction, or do you need more application of your understand God is asking of you? Why?

## **Putting It Into Practice**

Each week Pastor Scott will challenge you to put into practice what you are learning. These challenges will help you take the concepts we are learning deeper into your life and help you with your own personal hope. This week Pastor Scott challenges us to:

1. Practice, Practice, Practice  
One of the best ways to honor God and feel his presence is to apply what you have already learned. What is one thing you desire to work on in your understanding of His direction?
2. Don't Go This Alone  
Identify someone who knows you well and trust to share what you are changing in your application to encourage you and keep you on track.

## **Prayer Time**

As a group, spend some time in prayer over things you may considering getting better at applying.

TIP: Be ready to share how this prayer time helped you to move through this challenge in the next LIFE Group time.