

# The Wise and Foolish Builders

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***Remember: you do not have to do the entire study (you may not have time) – you can choose what questions you want to discuss.***

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

1. This passage comes at the end of the sermon on the mount. What was Jesus saying in the sermon? What would be your 2-3 sentence summary of it?
2. What are the similarities between the two houses? What is the same for both of them in this parable? Why?
3. What do the rains and streams and storms represent? What lesson is Jesus teaching in these verses?
4. What does this tell us about the type of things he expects to happen in his disciples' lives?
5. What does the great crash represent? What will happen to the person who doesn't obey Jesus' words?
6. What is the foundation that Jesus is talking about here? What does putting things into practice mean?
7. How do we ensure that we have a secure foundation? What helps us maintain it?
8. Is it possible to deceive ourselves into thinking we are building on a solid foundation when we are not? How do we guard against this?
9. "Following Jesus is not so much about protection *from* trouble but protection *in* trouble." How have you experienced the truth of this in your life?
10. What does this tell us about the role we can play in supporting each other in hard times?

## Prayer points:

- Continue to pray for the situation in Israel/Palestine and in the Ukraine, and the people affected by these conflicts.
- Pray for the people of Papua New Guinea.