

■■ Built to Last

Luke 6:46–49 | Small Group Discussion Guide

■ Thesis

A storm is coming. The question is not if, but when. What determines whether we stand or fall is not what we've heard, felt, or intended—but whether we've built our lives on doing what Jesus says. He is not just looking for listeners. He is calling for builders. Builders who dig deep. Builders who obey. Builders who refuse to settle for surface-level faith.

■ Introduction

Jesus ends His Sermon on the Plain with a strong and sobering word: “Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and not do what I say?” His point isn't to shame but to warn. He's inviting us to examine the foundation of our lives. Are we fans or followers? Is our obedience optional or foundational?

This isn't about perfection. It's about posture. Jesus describes two homes—both hear the same words, both experience the same storm. But only one survives. The difference? One dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock.

In a culture of instant gratification and superficial spirituality, Jesus invites us to live differently—anchored in obedience, resilient in suffering, and secure in Him.

■ Correlating Scripture

James 1:22–25

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves... the one who looks into the perfect law... and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.”

■■ Quote to Anchor the Soul

“It is not the intensity of your faith but the object of your faith that saves you. And the strength of your foundation is revealed in the storm.” — *Tim Keller*

■ Group Discussion Questions

- **■ Foundation Check:** What are some ways people build their lives on things that seem stable but are actually sand (career, image, money, feelings)?
- What does it look like to build on Christ—the rock—and how is that different from just being religious?
- **■ Obedience vs. Agreement:** Jesus asks, “Why do you call me Lord and not do what I say?” What's the difference between agreeing with Jesus and actually obeying Him?
- What are some areas of your life where you've agreed but not obeyed?
- **■ Digging Deep:** What does it mean to dig deep in your walk with God?
- What are some practices, decisions, or sacrifices that help you go deeper rather than stay surface-level?
- **■■ Weatherproof Discipleship:** What storms have tested your foundation recently?
- How did you respond—and what did that reveal about your life's foundation?

- **■ Hearing That Builds:** What's one thing Jesus has been speaking to you lately that you haven't yet put into practice? What's holding you back?
- How can your group support one another in becoming not just hearers, but joyful doers?

■ Application Question

What is one specific command of Jesus that you know you've been delaying, avoiding, or hesitating to obey? What would it look like to step into obedience this week—and build your life on that rock?

■ Praise & Prayer Guide

- Praise Jesus as the unshakable foundation—secure, faithful, and strong through every storm.
- Thank God for giving us His Word—not just to inform us, but to form us.
- Confess any ways you've built on sand—trusting feelings, culture, or comfort more than Christ.
- Ask the Spirit to give you courage to obey Jesus fully, especially in the hidden places.
- Intercede for one another in your group, that each person would dig deep, obey joyfully, and stand firm in the storm.

■ Discipling Reflection

- Who in your life needs to see the stability and peace that comes from building on Jesus?
- How can your obedience become a testimony of God's strength to a world that's shaking?

“Obedience isn't glamorous. But it's the difference between collapse and endurance. Between religious noise and real discipleship. Between a house that falls—and one that stands forever.”