



# COMMUNITY Groups

## June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017: PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

### OPENING

- What was your religious situation like growing up? Did you grow up going to church? Was religion part of your family life? What did you think of God when you were a kid?
- Who made the biggest impact spiritually in your life when you were growing up? In what way?

### DISCUSS & APPLY

Read Matthew 7:24-27

- What do the rock, sand, and house represent in this parable? What's similar and different between the two kinds of people?
- According to this passage, what is the difference between being smart and being wise? Why is it more beneficial to be wise than to be smart/knowledgeable?
- According to this passage, why is reading the Bible important? Why is it not enough?
- Why do you think people "hear" Jesus' words of encouragement to build their lives on Him, and yet choose to build their lives on "sand"? Why is it challenging to build our lives on the "rock"?
- What are some examples of how obeying God's teaching helps us endure the "storms" of life?
- Speakers often leave their most important point to the end of the talk. Why do you think Jesus ended his sermon this way?
- Read Job 1:13-22. How could Job respond the way he did (verses 20-22) to everything he went through? How would you respond?
- What "storm" have you experienced in life that you can share with the group; how did you endure it, and what was the end result?

### FINAL APPLICATION

- What are you doing today to prepare for the "storms" that will come in your future?
- What are you doing today to help others prepare for the "storms" that will come in their future?