

Weekend Message Questions
Parables – The Wise and Foolish Builders
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CHECK-IN: Take a few minutes to check in with your group. How has everyone's week been? Follow up from any previous prayer requests or personal updates.

DISCUSS

Opening Thought:

Jesus often used parables—simple stories with deep spiritual truth—to help us understand God's Kingdom. These stories cut across time and culture, inviting us to see life, faith, and ourselves more clearly.

Think about some of the stories that shaped you growing up—fairy tales, fables, or even family lessons. What truths have stuck with you because of a story?

READ: Matthew 7:24–29

"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..."

Questions:

What stands out to you most as you read this parable?

Why do you think Jesus chose to end the Sermon on the Mount with this story?

Both builders heard Jesus' words—but only one acted on them. Why do you think that's the defining difference between "wise" and "foolish"?

DIG DEEPER

1. Building Our Foundation

Jesus' words in Matthew 5–7 (the Sermon on the Mount) are the blueprint for a firm spiritual foundation.

- How often do you hear God's Word but struggle to practice it?
- What helps you move from hearing to doing?
- Why do you think Jesus connects wisdom to obedience rather than knowledge?

2. House on the Sand vs. House on the Rock

A house built on sand represents a faith rooted in effort, appearance, or self-sufficiency—it may stand for a while, but storms reveal its weakness.

- What are some examples of "sand" foundations people often build their lives on today?
- Can you think of a time when a "storm" exposed an unstable foundation in your own life?

A house on the rock, on the other hand, represents a heart transformed by Jesus.

- What does it look like for your foundation to be built on Christ today?
- How does transformation of the heart naturally lead to changed actions?

3. The Storms Reveal the Foundation

Storms don't create weakness—they reveal it.

- What storms (past or present) have revealed what your foundation is really built on?
- How can you begin to strengthen your foundation before the next storm comes?

REFLECT

James 1:22 says, *“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*

- Where in your life do you sense God calling you to do rather than just hear?
- What's one practical way you can “put His words into practice” this week?

Pray that each person in your group would build their life on Jesus—the true Rock—through obedience and transformation. Ask God to help you move from simply hearing His truth to living it out daily.

How can your group be praying for one another this week?

Take a few moments to pray together before closing.

Can you use prayer? <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>