

WHAT HASN'T CHANGED?

Our Foundation is God's Word

Discussion Guide | April 19, 2020

Before you begin, please read Matthew 7:24-27

1. Have you ever had foundation issues with a house you lived in? Why is the foundation of a house or building so important?
2. How does the importance of foundations transfer over to your whole life? What various "foundations" do people build their lives upon?
3. How do the storms of life have a unique way of exposing any cracks in our foundations?
4. How does considering our disappointments, our insecurities, or our desires help us identify potential cracks in the foundation of our lives?
5. Are there any "cracks in your foundation" that have appeared in the last 4-5 weeks? Explain.
6. Look closely at Matthew 7:24-25: What is the foundation Jesus tells us to build our lives upon? How does this provide opportunity to everyone who hears these words?
7. Describe someone you know who's an example of building the foundation of their life on the rock of God's Word. What does this sort of life look like in today's world? (What disciplines do they follow? What attitudes do they display? How have their lives been formed? Etc)
8. Jesus mentions that the "wise builder" both hears AND obeys the message of the Bible. What can happen over time, if we hear but stop short of obeying?
9. As we build our lives on the foundation of God's Word, three practical "tips" for engaging the Bible well were mentioned in the sermon. What is most helpful about these tips? What else would you add?
 - Engaging the Bible relationally – to know God better (not just to gather information)
 - Engaging the Bible responsibly – appreciating context and reading in community
 - Engaging the Bible responsively – responding to God in prayer, and responding with steps of obedience
10. The title of this current series is "What Hasn't Changed?" What's one way you would answer this question, based on what you've learned from Matthew 7:24-27? What practical difference can this make in your life this coming week?
11. **Challenge - Memorize Matthew 7:24-25:** 24 "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. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."