

Discussion Guide
Firm Foundation (Isuwa Atsen)
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PRIMARY PASSAGE

Matthew 7:24-29 (ESV): *“Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.*

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

How do we build our lives on Christ ,who is the only firm foundation?

- By acting on His words (verses 24-27)
- By acknowledging His authority (verses 28-29)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon makes the claim that Christ is the ONLY firm foundation. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
2. What are some other “foundations” that compete for legitimacy in our lives, and how can we continue to build our lives on Christ alone?
3. How do you understand the concept of absolute authority? Is this a good or a bad thing?
4. What usually makes it difficult for us to submit our lives under the absolute authority of Christ?
5. What difference do you think it would make if you begin to live in total obedience to the words of Christ and complete surrender to His authority? Mention some specific things that would be different.

Heavenly Father, please empower our wills to do the words of Your Son Jesus Christ and to yield completely to His authority over our lives by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen