

**Discussion Guide: June 2, 2024**

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**Message: *Build on the Rock* (series: *Sermon on the Mount*)**

**PRIMARY PASSAGE: Matthew 7:24-29 (NIV)**

“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. 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. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, because He taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

**MESSAGE HIGHLIGHT**

Jesus finishes His Sermon on the Mount by dividing the world into two groups: those whose foundation is based on themselves and those whose foundation is on Christ. He warns of the storm of judgment coming for every human being, either when we die or when He returns. Jesus calls His readers to carefully analyze the works of their lives to see if they reflect having a right foundation.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Jesus used the illustration of storms and floods to represent the judgment that is coming to all of us. What does the moment of Jesus’ judgment make you think of? Is our judgment by Jesus something that regularly crosses your mind?
2. Kyle explained that our foundation is essentially who has authority over our lives: either ourselves or Jesus. In what ways do Christians still struggle with submitting to Jesus? What’s the difference between a Christian who struggles with sin and someone whose foundation is themselves and not Jesus?
3. The lordship of Jesus was mentioned in the sermon; what does Jesus being Lord mean? What does Jesus’ lordship over the lives of His people look like?
4. As we Christians listen to Jesus’ words, it can feel like a wakeup call to embrace Jesus’ authority in our lives. Where is Jesus calling you to build your foundation on Him instead of yourself?

**PRAYER**

Spend time together praying that

- we would recognize Jesus’ authority more and more in our lives
- we would be bold in proclaiming Jesus to those around us as the only way to be saved
- we would live our lives in light of the final day when we meet Jesus