

Sermon Discussion Guide for I AM Worship Church

The Importance of the Process



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We hope this material will continue to minister as the sermon was preached during our weekly worship service. When we receive God's Word at church, we need not only to hear the message, but we ought to walk it out in our daily lives. We should "be doers of the word, not only hearers." (James 1:22)

- Step 1: GET TOGETHER with your family or group.
- Step 2: REVIEW the key points and scriptures from the message.
- Step 3: SHARE with your group what God is saying to you through the message.
- Step 4: PRAY together, for each other and over each other to continue to walk this word out.

The Big Idea

God's way of growing us is a **process**—like building a house. To be whole, we must "tear down" what's crooked and rebuild on the right foundation: Jesus Christ. Sanctification is the ongoing construction of our lives, where the Holy Spirit oversees every stage so that who we are can actually support what God is calling us to do. The question is: are we letting God rebuild us His way, or are we decorating a structure that's sitting on a weak foundation?

Don't Miss This Point!

Read Isaiah 28:16. Start with the Cornerstone. Lasting transformation begins when our lives rest squarely on Jesus, the tested, precious cornerstone who guarantees a sure foundation. Salvation sets the footing, and then baptism, Scripture, church community, and submission to the Spirit "dry in" the structure so God's work can continue without leaks.

Another Great Point!

Read James 2:17. Faith grows through obedience. Real faith doesn't stop at hearing; it shows up in what we do—prayer, study, repentance, integrity, and love. As we cooperate with the Spirit, God reshapes desires and habits, and our faith becomes load-bearing. As James writes, "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

One Last Point!

Read Matthew 7:24-27. Strong foundations endure storms. Jesus said the wise builder hears His words and puts them into practice, and that house stands when the rain falls and the winds blow. With Christ as our foundation and His Word as our building code, the "materials" of prayer, righteousness, humility, love, and fellowship become a structure that lasts.

Let's Be Doers!

This week, **inspect your foundation** and take one step of obedience God is highlighting. If you need the footing—start with Jesus (Romans 10:9). If you're framed in, **strengthen your build**: set a daily Scripture plan, pray specifically about one area to surrender, plug into a small group, and practice one tangible act of integrity or love. Replace a "weak material" (compromise, hurry, isolation) with a Kingdom one (truth, patience, community). And keep going with confidence—"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion" (Philippians 1:6).