

A Place to Belong¹

Application Question:

- Have you ever participated in building a house? If so, tell us about it (executive summary).
- Has anyone ever been in a scary storm in which you thought your life was threatened?
- Has anyone experienced a house collapsing?
- Read Matthew 7:21-27 –
 - What is the overarching theme?
 - There are 2 characters in Matt. 7:24-27, the wise and the foolish builder → what is their spiritual fates and why?
 - Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-17 → how does this apply to you as an individual?
 - Read the passage again and read “you” as referring to everyone in the church – does it make a difference in how you interpret and apply the passage?
- As a result of this passage, what is the “go do”?
[Individually or together]

¹ At Grace, we strive to be real life Jesus followers together. We believe this is done best together in small groups during the week and worship on Sunday. We link the two with application questions for small groups. If you are not in a small group and are interested in joining one, please write or call Tia Hanson, our Director of Connections tieah@gracechurchseattle.org (206-937-8400).

The Parables of Jesus

What is the focus of a Parable?

Today's Parable: Wise & Foolish Builder

Matthew 7:24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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.”

BI: Real life disciples of Jesus dig deep enough to build on the Rock.

- I. Contrast between Wise & Foolish builders.
- II. Digging deep is necessary to weather the storm; which storm?

OT eschatology: Wha'?

- III. Only those who dig deep enough to **the** rock will stand.

See Matthew 16:16-18 → the Rock

See 1 Corinthians 3:10-16 → personal / corporate responsibility