

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 7:24-29

“Kingdom Foundations”

- 1) Our human response to natural disasters prove to reveal the good and bad of our human nature. Give examples of both.

- 2) In what ways is “living out our lives” like “building a house”? What is the purpose of a foundation?

- 3) The faithful Jews of Jesus’ day built the foundation of their faith in God on the Temple and on the Torah rather than on God. What other foundations do we as Christians build our faith on today?

- 4) When we build our lives upon the rock-solid foundation of Jesus, we are building our lives on the *character of God*. Share and discuss which character trait of God is most significant in your life.

- 5) Jesus humbly obeyed the will of God to “*empty himself*” - and Jesus calls us to humbly “*deny*” ourselves. What other things did Jesus do, that he calls for us to do today?

- 6) “The storms we face in life bear the fruit of the character of the Kingdom of God that has been built into our hearts and lives and souls.” Share the ways God has used struggles in life to build your faith.

- 7) Jesus calls us to *hear his words* and *do them*. William Barclay said: “If we are to be in any sense followers of Jesus we must hear and do.” What keeps us from hearing and obeying the words of Jesus?

- 8) One day everything will fall away as the storm of Jesus’ return will be at hand. On that day we will stand before God and we will know whether or not we heard Jesus words and obeyed them. Which of Jesus words in the Sermon on the Mount did you hear him calling you to obey?

- 9) Share and discuss which message on the Sermon on the Mount was most significant to you.

*Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,
for it is God who works in you,
both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

Philippians 2:12-13