

Home Group Discussion Questions

Sunday April 3rd
Luke 6:46-49

Icebreaker: What is the most impressive building you have ever seen?

OR

Would you say you're inclined to live in the past, present or future?

Question: Was there anything that particularly spoke to you in the sermon this Sunday? Or that you disagreed with or were confused about?

Read Luke 6:46-49

Intro and Summary:

This Sunday's sermon was on the wise and foolish builders. The points were:

- **Words aren't enough**
- **Foundations matter because everyone's building**
- **The cost of digging deep**
- **The storms come to everyone**

Words aren't enough

Read James 1:22

Jesus says in v 46: 'why do you call me 'Lord, Lord' and do not do what I tell you?'

Question: While we know it's possible to deceive others, how is it possible to deceive ourselves?

Question: What's the difference between *walking* the Kingdom of God and simply just *talking* it? How do we avoid just paying 'lip service?'

Foundations matter because everyone's building

Jesus warns us not to build our house on the ground without a foundation. In Matthew's gospel, the second builder builds his house straight on the sand.

Question: What could the sand be a picture of in our lives? What can we build on that gives an insufficient foundation for our lives?

Read Hebrews 5:11-6:3:

Question: In view of what Jesus said, and what the writer to the Hebrews said, what are the consequences of failing to lay a right foundation? How might this show itself in our lives?

The cost of digging deep

Bill Hybels, a pastor in the U.S. said, *"What we should have done when people crossed the line of faith and become Christians, we should have started telling people and teaching people that they have to take responsibility to become 'self feeders.' We should have gotten people, taught people, how to read their bible between services, how to do the spiritual practices much more aggressively on their own."*

Question: Why is it so crucial to become self-feeders? What have you found helpful in doing this? How can you teach others to become self-feeders?

Question: What do you think are the main spiritual practices that we should be pursuing? What practices have you found that have most helped you grow in your knowledge and love of God?

Read Mark 4:18-19

Question: can you identify the things that hinder your growth, that hinder you digging deep?

The storms come to everyone

Question: have you known someone who faced storms and difficulties with peace, assurance and poise, because of their faith? Describe what they were like and why?

Question: Why are the storms of life a good test of our foundations?

Question: Would you say that when life is easy and times are good maybe your foundations don't matter or do you think this is simply not true?

Question: What worries you about death? Why should this parable of the builders encourage you?

