

- The Wise & Foolish Man - Matthew 7:24-27

Ideas for an intro

- I'm not really into construction. I like tools and I like the possibilities, but I've never really been super passionate about construction. I've been on a number of trips that involved construction and worked with groups like Habitat for Humanity. However, I have never really settled down for a strong passion for construction. I'm not exactly sure why. I love the idea of building something from scratch. I have this weird love of putting together furniture kits from Wal-Mart or Ikea. I could build with Lego sets all day long. To fully build a house though, that's a different animal. From building codes, to city, state and federal regulations and codes, most of that is more than I care to invest in. Today's session, discusses something a little less technical, but with the potential of lasting forever.

A Biblical Passage to focus on

1. Read Matthew 7:24-27

A short devotional based on that Biblical passage

1. In this passage, Jesus starts off by talking about his teaching. What are the two things he says that should be done with his teaching?(v. 24) How does Jesus describe the person who does these two things?
2. What is this person compared to?
3. What are some of the things that happen to this house? (v. 25)
4. What happens to this house?
5. According to verse 26, what do we learn about what a foolish person does?
6. What is this person compared to?
7. What happens to the house in verse 27?

Brainstorming questions for you and your team

1. When was the last time you took time simply to listen to God's teaching?
2. When was the last time your team just listened to God's Teaching?
3. When was the last time your Ministry/Club just listened to God's Teaching?
4. What is something that you recently followed God's teaching? (In the Last Month? Week? Day?)
5. What is something that your team recently followed God's teaching? (In the Last Month? Week? Day?)
6. What is something that your ministry/club recently followed God's teaching? (In the Last Month? Week? Day?)
7. In this parable, rain and storms illustrated what tried to beat down the house. What are some things that 'beat' against you on a regular basis? What are some things that 'beat' against your team on a regular basis? What are some things that 'beat' against your ministry/club on a regular basis?
8. What are some specific things you can do to strengthen your foundation on Christ?
9. What are some specific things you can do to strengthen your group's foundation on Christ?
10. What are some specific things you can do to strengthen your ministries'/club's foundation on Christ?

Application Concepts

1. Set up helps to listening/following Christ
2. Prepare for 'storms'

This week's Holy Experiment...or ask God for another

1. Choose a teaching from Christ and act on it.