



July 3rd-9th, 2011

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FOCUS



We are constantly bombarded with messages about who we are and what we should value. There are a myriad of voices jockeying for our attention. There are screens everywhere we look. What voices are you listening to? Into the noise Jesus speaks to us: Build on a strong foundation by obeying. Beware of false prophets. You can tell a tree by its fruit. Narrow is the way that leads to heaven, broad is the highway to hell. Do to others what you'd have them do to you. Let's FOCUS.

o Monday 7.4.11

| Matthew 7.24-27

o Tuesday 7.5.11

| Luke 6.46-49

o Wednesday 7.6.11

| Matthew 5.17-20

o Thursday 7.7.11

| Matthew 6.19-24

o Friday 7.8.11

| Matthew 21.28-32

o Saturday 7.9.11

| Matthew 25.14-30

As you read each day's passage, think about/discuss/journal:

.What does this passage teach me about God? How does it inform my IDENTITY as a child of God?

.How can my practice of my faith, how does my view of the world need to change, according to what I've learned from this passage?

.One specific next step I'm going to take this week is:

Discussion Questions

>>READ>> Matthew 7:24-27

This passage is a summary of the entire Sermon on the Mount. In verse 24, Jesus begins by saying "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

.What's the difference between hearing something and putting it into practice? What are the results of both?

.How does this relate to our time in church on Sunday compared to the rest of the week?

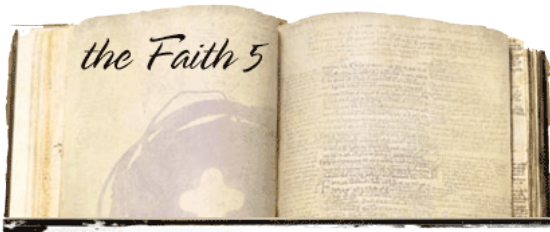
.In what ways were the 2 houses similar? How were they different?

.What steps have you taken to "build your house on the rock"? Share.

.Why is it sometimes difficult to tell the difference between a person whose life is truly built on Christ and someone who is a "casual observer"?

.How do the storms of life reveal a person's true foundation?

.What types of storms have you faced? How have these storms either revealed the strength of your relationship with Jesus, or exposed your need to build a firmer foundation?



Share your highs & lows of the day

Read the Scripture in the Bible

Talk about how the verse relates to your highs & lows

Pray about your highs & lows, family, world

Bless one another

Making disciples every night in every home!

Sunday _____ Matthew 7.24

Monday _____ Proverbs 3.7

Tuesday _____ Proverbs 13.20

Wednesday _____ Psalm 19.7

Thursday _____ Romans 11.33

Friday _____ 1 Corinthians 1.20

Saturday _____ Proverbs 8.33

Blessing: May you seek God's wisdom in all you say and do.

