



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **“Preparing for Judgement Day” (Matthew 7:24-27)**

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This week as we continue our series in the book of Matthew, we arrive at the final passage in the Sermon on the Mount. Over the past few weeks we’ve been warned about the reality of false conversion. We’ve learned that many are on the road that leads to destruction and only few find the narrow gate. We’ve seen that good trees bear good fruit. Thus, every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. And in our last study in the Sermon on the Mount, we were told that not everyone who says ‘Lord, Lord’ to Jesus on the Day of Judgement will be saved. Indeed, many are deceived and on that Day they will hear the words, “I never knew you; depart from me.” This week’s study is a continuation of this theme. It’s not enough to simply hear Jesus teaching, we must also do what he taught. In this week’s text, we are given a powerful illustration about a house, foundation, and storm that’s meant to frighten us into discerning whether or not we’re truly converted. Have we built our life on the rock or on the sand?

What you need for this study: Bible, Notebook, Pen

Individual Bible Study

1. Please read Matthew 7:24-27 and ensure that you’ve listened to Sunday’s sermon.
 - a. Towards the beginning of Pastor Jacob’s sermon, he taught that salvation doesn’t stop at justification. Explain what he meant by this.
 - b. Read verse 24 and verse 26. What is the same and what is different about the two different people described in these verses?
 - c. What does it mean to build your life on the rock (v. 24)?
 - d. What does it mean to build your life on the sand (v. 26)?
 - e. Read 1 John 2:3-6. How do we know if someone is a Christian according to this passage?
 - f. Read Titus 1:15-16. How do we know if someone is a false convert according to this passage?



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- g. What does “the storm” refer to in this illustration that Jesus gives? How do we know this?
- h. How does this passage describe the type of storm that comes in? Why is this significant?
- i. Contrast the result of the storm in verse 25 with the result of the storm in verse 27.

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the sermon and the Bible study this week?
2. Pastor Jacob said that the gospel doesn't stop at justification. What does this mean? Why is it important to remember this?
3. Jesus chose to *conclude* his Sermon on the Mount with this illustration in Matthew 7:24-27. What does that tell us about the significance of the teaching this week? How is this final illustration a culmination and summary of everything he's already taught in the Sermon on the Mount up until this point?
4. What sorts of things are evidence that someone's life is built on the sand? What sorts of things are evidence that someone's life is built on the rock?
5. If someone asked you, “How do I know if I'm truly converted?”, how would you answer this question? What Scriptures would you use to help them think this through?
6. The last few studies have dealt with false conversion. If after considering these teachings and reflecting upon their life, someone concluded that they were likely a false convert, how would you counsel them?