

Our True Foundation

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Then they said to Him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

-John 6:28-29

[Matthew 7:21-29](#)

I. Introduction:

- A. The Context - [Matthew 4:17](#) [Matthew 5:1](#) [Matthew 7:28](#)
- B. The Content - Two related sections revealing the Wise and the Foolish
- C. The Tragedy of verses [23](#) and [27](#) - How could this happen?!?!

II. [7:21-23](#) - These people had problems in at least 3 areas: Personal - Theological - Relational

A. Personal Problems

- 1. Of Progeny - [Romans 5:12](#)
- 2. Of Perception - [I Corinthians 2:11-14](#)
- 3. Of Power - [Romans 8:5-10](#)

B. Theological Problems

- 1. They thought they Spoke for the Lord - “prophecy?”
- 2. They thought they did Spiritual Warfare for the Lord - “cast out demons?”
- 3. They thought they had Strength and Success in and for the Lord - “mighty works?”
- 4. They thought all their DOING meant they DESERVED God’s love and favor “Look what we did!” - [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)

C. Relational Problems

- 1. Their Friends were Christians
- 2. Their Family members were “Pillars” in the Church
- 3. Their Father was the Pastor
- 4. They substituted those relationships for the only essential one - [John 17:3](#) “I NEVER KNEW YOU”
- 5. IN ALL THEIR DOING, THEY FAILED TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER! - [John 6:28-29](#)

III. [7:24-27](#) - The Foundation of Your House, an analogy

A. Building on the Sand

- 1. What do the “house” and the “sand” represent here? - [I John 2:17](#)
- 2. What happens to a house built on a foundation this sand?

B. Building on the Rock

- 1. What does the “rock” represent in general here? - [Ephesians 2:20](#)
- 2. What happens to a “house” built on a foundation of rock?
- 3. What Scriptural thread focuses our understanding of this particular rock? - I Corinthians 10:4

IV. [7:28-29](#) - The crowds were ASTONISHED

- A. Jesus spoke with authority because He Revealed the Word of God through the Holy Spirit and because He IS The Living Word of God - [Revelation 19:13](#)

GROWTH GROUP GUIDE • WEEK 10 • MATTHEW 7:21-29

1. Do you have any questions or comments about Sunday's sermon? How did it speak to your heart?
2. What will it take to "hear these words of mine and do them" in order to build a house on a rock?
3. This is our final week of Growth Group, and our final week in the Sermon on the Mount. Reflect with your group what God has done in you during this series. What have you learned about Jesus? Hebrews 4:12-13 says, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." How has God's word pierced you and exposed your heart in this series?
4. Character is formed in relationships and tested in isolation. Jesus did not save a bunch of individuals but created a community, and that is how the Christian life is experienced. He brings us through desert periods but that is not the focus of our spiritual lives. Growth Groups are a place to develop Intentional Gospel Relationships where we work on trust, learn how to love people (whether or not it's easy for us to do so), and experience forgiveness. They are set up to be places of conflict and reconciliation, standing together and advocating for each other. They basically function as small churches, given that a church is a community of the redeemed. Without Growth Groups this summer, we will each need to work to create community that will continue to develop our character. What do you think you will do to intentionally continue your spiritual development this summer?
5. Summer is a great time to spend with people that do not yet know Jesus. What is your plan for fulfilling the Great Commission this summer? If you do not have one yet, talk with your group and think of ideas. Who will you be praying for? Who will you be pursuing to hang out with? How will you do that? What gifts or interests do you have that will help you connect with people?
6. Pray with your group, thanking God for what He has done in this season and asking Him to do great things this summer in making Long Beach as it is in heaven.