

LIFEGROUP NOTES: MATTHEW 7:24-29

As ever, please use (or discard!) these ideas as is most suitable for your group. Don't feel you have to use everything.

Preparing for God's Word

1. What are some sandy foundations you have sometimes based your life on? What happened to make you aware of this?

Read Mt 7:24-29

2. Why is hearing *and* practicing God's Word in our lives so important?
3. Why might someone fall into the trap of v.26: hearing Jesus' words and yet failing to put them into practice? What has your own experience of this been?
4. Being a Christian is giving control of your life to Jesus. When was the last time you taught your bank account that? Your diary? Your phone? Your TV? Your habit of speaking hurtfully? Your sulky disposition? Your ...? What area(s) of your life need to be reminded that Jesus is Lord? How are you going to do this?
5. What foundation are you building your life on at the moment: rock or sand? What practical steps can you / your Lifegroup take to ensure you build your life on the rock? What can you do today to listen to the voice of Jesus and obey what you hear?
6. See vv.28-29. What was the response of the crowds to the teaching of Jesus? Why? What is your response?

Responding in Prayer

- Thank God for all that Jesus has taught you through the Sermon on the Mount, and pray for His help in putting it into practice. Pray for one another in the areas of life where you have the greatest struggles in applying Jesus' words.

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