

WEEKLY GUIDE

AUGUST 1, 2021

GATHER!
SUNDAY AND
THURSDAY

TALK!
DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

DO!
PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

PRAY!
MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

BIBLE READINGS:

Matthew 7:24-29; Matthew 5:11; Matthew 5:38-44; Matthew 7:21; 1 Samuel 15:22; Ephesians 2:8-10

MATTHEW 7:24-27

24 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.

25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

MATTHEW 5:38-44

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.'

39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well.

41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.

42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. 43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...

MATTHEW 7:21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

FOR FURTHER STUDY READ MATTHEW, CHAPTERS 5-7.

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DISCUSSION:

What does it mean to build your house on the rock? How can you ensure you are building your life on the rock? Again, what is the rock?

What two things does Jesus say you should do to make sure your house is built on the rock? Why is it important to hear what Jesus says? How can you be sure you hear His words? Which words is Jesus specifically referring to in Matthew 7:24? Why is it not enough to hear what Jesus says? How does obedience apply here?

What differences are there between bedrock and sand? Why does one make a better foundation than the other? How does this refer to life and Jesus' teaching? What does it mean to build on the sand? What happens when you build on sand?

What are some of life's storms? How do storms impact us, our faith, and our relationship with God? How does building on the rock protect us from life's storms? Why is obedience so important?

APPLICATION:

What impacted you the most from this lesson? What were your big takeaways? What will you apply to your life? How will you put what you learned into practice in your life this week?

SUMMARY:

After acknowledging that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, you must begin to build your life on the Rock. Every aspect of your life can be built on Christ. Your faith, your relationships, your marriage, your work... everything!

There are many who are building what they think is a great house. Their life might be the envy of all, but if it's not built on the Rock, it will fall, and its fall will be great. You see, if you get it right, your life will be built on a solid foundation, a bedrock, immovable. If you get it wrong, your house will fall when the storms come. You can be ready for the storms. In fact, there is a surefire way to ensure you will endure life's storms. Build your life on the Rock!

Do you want to build your house on the Rock? There are two basic things you must do that are essential to your faith and your relationship with God. Hear the words of Jesus and then do what Jesus says! It's that simple.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

