



Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

The Big Idea

Hear it and do it and your faith will get through it.

Message Summary

After the world's greatest sermon full of teaching about attitudes, identity, motives of the heart, prayer, giving, anger, adultery, and a host of other practical truths for citizens of the Kingdom, Jesus brings it to a close by looking into each of our eyes and asking one, soul-searching question: "What are you going to do about it?" While we've all seen people go crazy with legalistic rules and works based religion, what Jesus is calling us to isn't that. He's asking us to build our lives on the authoritative bedrock of the Word of God, and when we do that, we'll each build a house (faith) that withstands the storms life throws at it.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- In the message, Paul talked about a church who spend a ton of money digging a hole in order to find bedrock on which to build. Has the foundation of obedience ever made you feel like it was costing more than you wished and taking longer than you wanted? Explain your answer.
- Nobody sets out to build their life on sand, but so many still do. How do so many well-intentioned people end up in a place where their lives collapse in the storm?
- Have you ever found yourself picking up the pieces after a storm blew through your life? Did that experience make you rethink how you're building your life? In what ways is COVID-19 being used by God to reveal the foundations in our lives?
- Read John 13:17; Luke 6:46; and John 14:15. How is obedience to the words of Jesus a sign of our love for Jesus?
- Read Luke 6:48. In this version of our story, Jesus says the wise man "dug down deep" in order to build on the solid rock. What is your first reaction to the phrase "dug down deep?" Would that be an accurate description of how you interact with the Word? Why or why not?
- Read Matthew 7:28-29. As we bring the "Win/When" series to a close, remember this: we will always WIN WHEN we live in obedience to the authoritative word of God. How has the Sermon on the Mount challenged the way you see the Bible? How will your life reflect its authority?