

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. Think about the amount of time you spend applying what you learn from God. Is there a specific change you need to make in your schedule in order to take greater delight in God and His teaching?

11. Many people we know have built their homes on the sand. What would make founding life on Jesus' teaching applicable to everyone?

Prayer Requests

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@THE FORGE
FORGING NEW FOUNDATIONS
Matthew 7:24-29

MARCH 5, 2017

1. C_____ in life is u_____

Matthew 7:25,27

2. Following Jesus will r_____ in a c_____.

Matthew 7:28

3. Without proper planning, _____ in a crisis is

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Matthew 7:26-27

4. With a proper plan, _____ in a crisis is

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Matthew 7:25

The secret to a sturdy f_____ is to build your life on
The R_____, by p_____ what He p_____.

What do I need to do with what I have heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. If you could learn how to master one field of study, such as geology or theology or a musical instrument, what would it be and why?
2. Why do you think people devote themselves to studying one field or one idea?
3. What is beneficial or rewarding when it comes to studying the Bible? What are some of the problems we run into if we fail to put the teachings of Jesus into practice?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ PSALM 1:1-6.

4. The first word of the entire Book of Psalms is *blessed*. What does that mean? How does the thought of blessing from God change the way you behave?
5. In verse 1, the psalmist highlights ways a person blessed by God *does not* behave. What stands out to you in these examples? How does that way of life compare with the foolish builder in Matthew 7?

6. What two types of people are contrasted in this psalm? What is the difference in what they build their lives around?

7. The person described in verse 2 gets his/her happiness and fulfillment from hearing from God. What happens when we prioritize the Word of God in our lives? How are our daily choices and behaviors transformed?

8. The psalmist's tree imagery is similar to Jesus' house imagery in Matthew 7. As Christians, what do our lives need to be rooted in, or what needs to be their foundation?

9. What makes living like the wicked so tempting and appealing? How do we unknowingly choose this foundation for our lives when we don't apply what we are learning from God and His Word?