**November 20/21, 2021**

The World Anew

“A people of obedience in a world of apathy”

**The SCRIPTURE**: Matthew 7:24-29

**The BIG IDEA**: We continue to face enormous challenges as a society. In the middle of the storm, Jesus describes himself as the firm foundation on which we are invited to build our lives.

**The Challenge:**

Will we simply be people who hear and like Jesus’ message, and not be people of obedience? Our culture faces information overload. Jesus challenges us to not just listen to his words, but to practice them.

**Pastor Chris’ Prayer for this message:**

We would decide to act upon the challenge found in the Sermon on the Mount, and by doing so we would meet Jesus in a new way.

**Icebreaker Question:**

* How have you experienced the events (storms) of this past week?

**Questions for discussion:**

1. **The Wise Builder vs. 24-25**

* What happens to our faith if we only “hear” and do not “do”?
* Everyone is building a foundation on something. As you look at our culture, what are some other “foundations” people can build on?
* As Christ followers we aren’t promised that we won’t face storms. What current storms are you facing? How is Jesus proving to be a firm foundation?

1. **The Foolish Builder vs. 26-27**

* What are some indicators that Jesus is in fact Lord of your life (and is your foundation)?
* Both people hear Jesus’ words but only one has a firm foundation. What exposes the foundation is the storm. As you have lived through the last 20 months, have you flourished or withered?

**Application:**

* Read vs. 28-29 of Matthew 7. The people are amazed at Jesus’ teaching. What has amazed you as we have gone through the Sermon on the Mount? In what ways have you changed as we have gone through it?