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How Jesus Ends a Sermon... Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore...

1. Jesus ends the single greatest collective teaching in history by giving 3 warnings:
 - a. Two types of GATES
 - b. Two types of TEACHERS
 - c. Two types of BUILDERS

The Wise Builder

Matthew 7:24 | Luke 6:48a

2. He digs DEEP to find a solid foundation
3. He looks FORWARD and builds for the future

The Foolish Builder

Matthew 7:26 | Luke 6:49

4. He doesn't DIG, he just BUILDS
5. He wanted his house QUICK and with little EFFORT

The Storm Comes

Matthew 7:25,27

6. Both builders endure the SAME storm
7. It's not a matter of IF, but WHEN

Building Inspection

8. The WISE and the FOOLISH both go through the flood
9. His way does not lead you OUT but THROUGH hardship

Life Group Questions

- 1) In this last warning from our study, Jesus speaks into a current conversation of His day. A truthful, thoughtful vision of life based on reality, and another view to go the easy, quick, cheap route. Discuss the relevance of this topic in our culture (in and outside the church!).
- 2) The wise man builds the house of his life on the bedrock of practicing Jesus' teachings that we've looked at over these past few months. Go over the series and discuss which lessons impacted you the most.
- 3) Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, confused you or challenged you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) Is it important that Jesus doesn't tell us why the foolish man doesn't build on a good foundation? Does it help us find our 'place' in this teaching? Discuss where you find yourself on the spectrum from "Wise to Foolish" builder and the challenges to practice His teachings.
- 5) Both builders experience the same storm. It's not a matter of 'if' but 'when' the storm comes. Jesus says to you and I that life is hard whether you follow Him or not. Read these passages to encourage you through your storms and find comfort from the fellowship we are privileged to have!

- **John 16:33**
- **2 Corinthians 4:8-9**
- **Isaiah 43:1-2**
- **Romans 8:28**
- **Romans 15:5-7**
- **1 Corinthians 1:10**
- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**
- **Colossians 3:14-15**

"Family is the one human institution we have no choice over. We get in simply by being born, and as a result we are involuntarily thrown together with a menagerie of strange and unlike people. Church calls for another step: to voluntarily choose to band together with a strange menagerie because of a common bond in Jesus Christ. I have found that such a community more resembles a family than any other human institution." Philip Yancey

TAKING IT HOME

- 1) Jesus' final warning in The Sermon on The Mount teaches us we need access to a person, and power and a presence that is beyond us to animate us from the inside out in order to live this way of life Jesus' told us about.

Response Song: Tremble

PRAYER REQUESTS

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