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Word Wednesday #21 – Sermon on the Mount IV: House on the Rock *Matthew 7*

“You can’t love and judge at the same time. It’s impossible to ascribe unsurpassable worth to others when you’re using others to ascribe worth to yourself.” –Pastor Greg Boyd

“Imagine how your life would be different if you took Him at His word. And imagine how our world would be different if those who claimed to follow Jesus actually did.” –Skye Jethani, author of “What if Jesus was Serious?”

Walking in His Dust - Jesus does not demand things His Talmidim are incapable of doing.

“I can do _____ things through _____ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

Therefore there is _____ for those who are _____” Rom. 8:1

Memory Verse #21: *Matthew 7:24 Therefore, everyone who _____ these words of Mine, and _____ on them, will be like a _____ man who built his house on the _____.*

Lesson notes & questions:

Lesson Reflections *(review before Apply nights):*

- What is at least one new thing I learned about loving God or my neighbor?
- Which topics would I like to know more about or need clarification?
- How does the Holy Spirit want me to apply the lesson’s Scripture to my discipleship?



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APPLY!

- Share your “Lesson Reflections” responses with the group.
- Read **Matthew 7:1-5**
 - Why do we have a hard time not being critical of each other?
 - How does Jesus tell His followers to refrain from being critical of others?
 - How does refusing to judge others help us find kingdom treasure?
- Read **Matthew 7:6-11**
 - Verse 6 sounds like obvious advice. Why do you think Jesus gives it?
 - Read **Matthew 13:45-46**. A pearl is something precious not to be wasted. How do we proclaim the gospel widely but not wastefully?
 - For **what** is Jesus expecting us to ask, seek and knock?
 - Why do you think Jesus calls His disciples “evil”?
- Read **Matthew 7:12** and **Matthew 22:36-40**
 - Jesus says both passages summarize the Hebrew Scriptures. How do these two passages clarify and complement each other?
- Read **Matthew 7:13-20**.
 - How would you paraphrase Mathew 7:13-14?
 - In what ways is being a Christian in America like being on the wide path?
 - How do we make sure we are on the path that leads to life? What is the application of this passage in our day-to-day lives?
- Read **Matthew 7:15-20**
 - Where is the line between someone saying things we can peacefully disagree with versus someone being a false prophet?
 - How do we guard against being led astray by false prophets?
 - How can our fellowship better minister to newcomers who may have been damaged by “wolves” circulating within other churches?
- Read **Matthew 7:21-23** and **Matthew 25:34-40**.
 - What kind of disciple is Jesus seeking?
 - What does it mean to “know” Jesus?
- Read **Matthew 7:24-29, Matthew 16:18, and 1 Corinthians 10:4**
 - What does the “rock” represent? Be specific. Are they referring to the same thing in each passage? Why or why not?

GO!

What is God saying to you, and how are you responding?

What is something you are excited about right now?

What is a big challenge you are facing right now?

Who is on your heart right now and why?

Review the last lesson’s GO section. What prayers has God answered?

Pray for one another!