

Be Careful Where You Build

Matthew 7:24-29
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF JUNE 14-20, 2026

- (1) Read Matthew 7:21-29.
 - (a) How do vv 21-23 related to vv 24-27? How do these relate to verses 13-20?
 - (b) What is the main point of all of the conclusion, from verses 13 to the end of the Sermon on the Mount?
- (2) What are the similarities and differences between wise building and foolish building when it comes to how we respond to Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount?
- (3) In the context of Matthew 7:21-27, what is the foundation of rock that Jesus talks about? What does it specifically look like to build on this foundation?
- (4) How do the crowds respond, and why? (vv 28-29)
 - (a) Do you remember what the word *astonished* means?
 - (b) What are some differences between how the scribes taught and how Jesus taught?
- (5) Look at these passages together and make some observations about Jesus' authority:

Matthew 9:2-8	Matthew 28:18
Matthew 21:12, 23-24	Mark 1:23-27
John 17:1-2	Colossians 2:9-10
2 Corinthians 5:8-10	
- (6) How can astonishment be empty and devoid of obedience?
- (7) What do you see about the crowds in these passages that show that they fell short of true faith?

Matthew 4:23-5:2, 7:28-29
Matthew 14:14-15
Matthew 9:36
Matthew 13:10-16, 34
- (8) Brainstorm together: How can we guard against responding to Christ in a way that falls short of true, obedient worship?
- (9) We've finished the Sermon on the Mount! What are one or two concrete lessons you've taken away that you want to keep front and center in your soul?