

Words of the King: Matthew 7:21-29  
Discussion Guide, January 3, 2020

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. – Matthew 7:13-14

- How did you keep a narrow focus on Christ this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What would you say the foundation of your life is?
  - o Why do you say that?
  - o What evidence is there?

**READ and ASK: Matthew 7:21-29**

- Who will enter the Kingdom of heaven?
- How will some people try and talk their way through judgment?
  - o What does this teaching portray to us?
  - o How do good works and salvation fit together? (James 2:17-19)
- How can people be religious and yet not follow Christ?
- What is the result of building your life on the rock?
  - o How have you seen/experienced this?
- What kind of people did Jesus talk about in contrast to the wise person?
  - o What are sandy foundations that people build their lives on?
- How did the crowd respond to Jesus' teaching?
- How would you sum up the attitudes Jesus is encouraging in this chapter?
- How does this chapter portray judgment?
- Why is it difficult to apply God's truth to our lives?

**APPLY:**

- To be a “wise builder” at this point in your life, do you need to learn more or practice what you already know?
  - o How would you describe your spiritual foundation? (shaky? Solid? Brand new? Wearing away?)
  - o How do you need others help in the process of building your life on the rock?
  
- What has been your greatest take away from our study of the sermon on the mount?
  
- NEXT STEP: What is one clear action you need to take this week in order to build your life on Christ?

Memory Work:

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. - Matthew 7:24-25