

WHY JESUS?

Week 3:


Because He is Our Teacher

INTRODUCTION

Jesus was constantly teaching, but His teaching was NOT aimed at making us smarter. His teaching always leads people toward making a decision. What decisions have you made because of Jesus' teaching?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Matthew 7:24-27. Using the chart, compare the similarities and differences between the wise builder and the foolish builder. Discuss your findings.

	Built house	Heard Jesus' teaching vv 24 & 26	Obeded Jesus' teaching	Faced storm	Result
Wise man					
Foolish man					

2. What does the building-a-house metaphor represent? Which is easier, building on sand or on the rock? Why? What do you think building on rock/sand means in our lives today?
3. Jesus says both houses are hit with storms. What does He mean? What storms have you faced in your life? How has your faith been tested by storms?
4. Read Matthew 7:28-29. Talk about the crowd's reaction to Jesus' teaching. Pastor pointed out 3 categories of people's response to Jesus' teaching: Unaware (don't know what Jesus taught); Admirers (the crowd); Followers (disciples). Which are you? What needs to happen for you to become a follower?

STEPPING FORWARD

Jesus' teaching always calls us to obey. Identify one teaching of Jesus you haven't fully obeyed. Ask your group to pray with you as you determine to DO what Jesus says.

You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:14