

Sermon Discussion Guide
Summer on the Mount – Week 9
Firm Foundation
September 5, 2021



Big Idea

All foundations will be tested, but only one will stand.



Icebreaker

What's the biggest (literal) storm you've ever seen or been in?



Discussion Questions

1. Read **Matthew 7:24-27**. How do we assess which foundation we're built upon? If you're willing to share, which do you think you've been building upon lately?
2. We learned that some of the possible foundations in the sand are popular culture, tradition, reason, and emotions. Which of these are you most tempted to turn to? How can you avoid that temptation?
3. Read **James 1:22-25**. It can be easy to deceive ourselves because the foundation isn't visible, but building our lives upon Scripture does yield blessings. What blessings have you received out of obedience to God's Word? How does James' example with the mirror help you understand what we're discussing?
4. Re-read **Matthew 7:25**. Foundations will be tested. What storms have you faced in the past year? Share how God has been a firm foundation for you when the house is shaking.



Concluding Questions

Looking back on the entire Sermon on the Mount, which part(s) had the greatest impact on you? Have you taken any steps to apply what you learned? What steps do you need to take this week? Who is holding you accountable?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Putting Scripture into practice
- Strong foundation through the storm
- Students & teachers returning to school
- Afghanistan
- Youth For Christ Lebanon
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