

Message-based Study

Connection

When you build a sand castle, a house of cards, or a snowman, how long does it usually last?

Content - Luke 6:46-49

In Luke 6: 46, Jesus asks a question: Why would we call him Lord and not do what he tells us? Calling him Lord is important, but Jesus says that's not the only thing. He also wants us to do what he tells us to do. But he doesn't leave us in the lurch about how to do that.

How do you feel when you realize you aren't doing what you know God wants you to do?

Jesus Is the Rock

Read Luke 6:46-49. This is the parable of two house builders. One digs a foundation on deep rock. The other builds with no foundation at all. In a flood, the first house stands tall, but the second one falls flat.

1. How is Jesus like the rock for the first builder?
2. What might change in your own life when you are convinced that your heavenly father is your place of ultimate security, the rock that can't be moved?
3. Have you experienced anything like the calamity that hit the parable's second builder?

Build a Foundation

Read Luke 6:47. Here's where Jesus explains three steps to building a foundation that rests on him. He says:

Come to me.
Hear my words.
Do them.

4. How would you briefly explain each of these steps to a friend who wants to begin to live by them?

Storms and Floods Will Come

Luke 6:48-49 makes it clear that Jesus knows we'll be hit by trouble, probably even regular 100-year floods. It's not if, but when. While this is a warning, his promise is that building on the rock means the storm can come, but your foundation will not crumble.

5. Where do you tend to turn for help when things go wrong in your life?

Be Doers

Read James 1:22 and Jeremiah 17:7-8. God says be a doer, not just a listener. The combination of these actions grows deep roots and bears fruit in our lives.

6. Worship, study the Word, and join a community group. These are some of the ways we build our lives on Christ. What are some other ways for you to get closer to Jesus and do what he says?

Commitment

7. To dig your stronger foundation, what would you like to volunteer some time to in the next week?



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

This week, **Listen with care** for a person in your life who needs to hear and feel Jesus' love. Begin today with this tool of how to B.L.E.S.S them.

Would you like to give any updates to the group on someone you have shared about in the past?