



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of May 29, 2022

Rock & Sand

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Matthew 7:24-29](#)

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

- This is Jesus final illustration in the Sermon on the Mount. Why might **Jesus use this as a concluding statement**?
- How are the **two houses similar**? How are they **different**?
- Both builders have been a part of the Christian community, hearing the words of Jesus (24, 26). But only one responds with action. **What can keep those who hear God’s Word from living in light of it?**
- What is an **example of a sandy foundation** we might try to build on after hearing Jesus’ words? What exactly is **the rock foundation**?
- Storms reveal the quality of our lives. **What storms are you facing?** How are they **testing your hearing and doing**?
- When a **storm exposes** that you’ve built your house upon the sand, **what can you do**?
- The crowds were astonished that **Jesus taught with authority**. **What might that kind of teaching look like**?
- What is **one “word” you heard from Jesus** throughout this series on the Sermon on the Mount that **changed the place you were building** or **what you were doing**? You may need to take time to reflect on [Matthew 5-7](#).
- The One teaching here is our sure Foundation and His Word is Truth. **Repent and pray together** in light of this week’s passage.