

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction:

What do you think it means to follow Jesus? What outside forces have influenced the way you practice your faith? We are all formed and informed by a variety of sources and these sources daily shape who we are and who we are becoming. In this series, we will seek *Clarity* on what it looks like to allow Jesus to change us from the inside out and the tangible proof that a transformation like that produces.

Scripture:

Matthew 7:24-25 - "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."

For More, Read & Discuss Matthew 7:24-29

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What do you tend to build your life on? Wealth, safety, family, or something else?
- 2. As with construction, building the foundation of our lives is slow, long-term work, but it can affect every other aspect of our lives, particularly how we weather the storms. Who do you admire for the way that they handle life's storms?
- 3. Have you ever experienced a storm in life that seemed to erode your foundation; something that made you question yourself or what you had built your life upon?
- 4. What keeps you from doing the foundation work you need in your life?
 - Have you ever ignored foundation work for the sake of your reputation?

Take the Next Step:

No one else has to live your life; if your foundation needs work, no one else gets to stop you. Also, it is never too late to fix the foundation of your life. What crack needs fixing? What dark corner needs a closer look? How can you prepare yourself today for the storms that will come tomorrow?