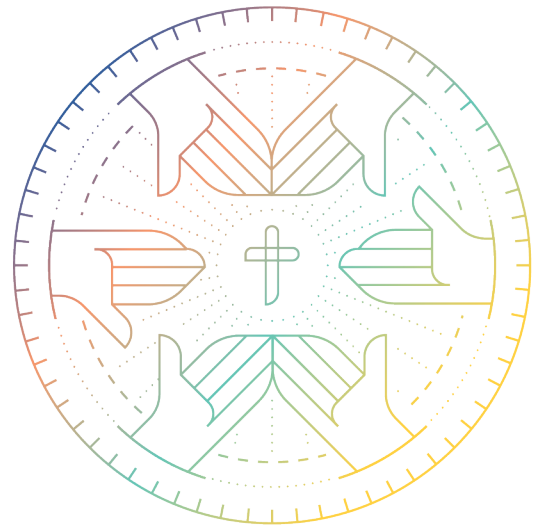


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## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

More Than a Story: “Christ The Rock”  
Scripture Focus: Matthew 7:24-27, Luke 6:46-49

## ICEBREAKER

What’s the worst weather you’ve ever experienced? Did it affect your home or plans in any way?

Has there been a time in your life when a personal “storm” revealed how strong—or shaky—your foundation was?

## INTRODUCTION

Jesus closes the Sermon on the Mount with a story that contrasts two builders. Both hear His words. Both build a house. Both face the same storm. But only one house remains standing. Jesus isn’t just talking about construction; He’s calling us to examine the foundation of our lives. In a culture filled with shifting values and pressures, what we build our lives upon truly matters. Jesus invites us not just to hear His words but to put them into practice, because obedience is the difference between collapse and stability when life’s storms come.

What stood out to you from Pastor David’s message?

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Matthew 7:24–25 and James 1:22–25.** Why does Jesus emphasize not just hearing His words but putting them into practice?

**Read Luke 6:46–47 and Matthew 21:28–31.** What do these verses reveal about the difference between saying we follow Jesus and actually following Him?

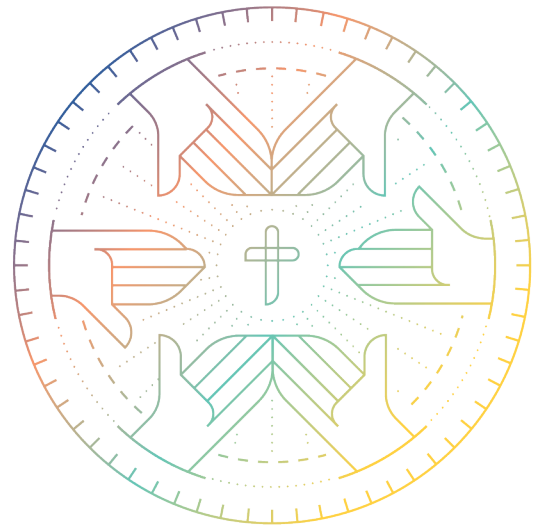
**Read Matthew 7:26–27 and 1 Corinthians 3:10–15.** Jesus assumes storms will come. Why do you think He includes that detail? What warning does Jesus give about building our lives on anything other than Him?

**Read Joshua 24:14–15 and Deuteronomy 6:6–9.** How do these verses challenge and inspire us to build our homes and families on the truth of God’s Word?

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## EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Jesus' story reminds us that everyone builds something—and the foundation we choose determines whether it will last. To embrace this message is to acknowledge that hearing the Word is not enough. We must respond with obedience. Maybe you've been stirred by God's truth in recent weeks but haven't yet acted on it. What's one thing Jesus has said that you need to begin living out this week?

To embody this truth means becoming the kind of person whose life reflects stability and trust—not because storms are absent, but because Christ is present. Maybe for you, that means reordering priorities, recommitting to daily Scripture engagement, repairing a relationship, or modeling faith at home. Whatever the step, the invitation is the same: build your life on the words of Jesus—your firm and faithful Rock. Reflect on one command or teaching of Jesus you've been avoiding or postponing. What step could you take this week to put it into practice? If you're in a leadership or parenting role, consider this: "You won't pass on what you're not living." What legacy are you building?

**Seek God Daily:** Take time this week to read the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Consider what habits or rhythms or community support would help you build more intentionally on the Rock by living out Jesus' instructions?

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Jesus, thank You for being our firm foundation. Help us not just to listen to Your words but to live them out—especially when it's difficult. Strengthen us in the storms and give us the courage to build every part of our lives on You. For those of us leading others—whether in families, friendships, or faith—help us be faithful, not perfect. We want our lives to reflect Your grace and truth. In Jesus' name – Amen!*