



Bible Study Questions

1st December 2024

Discussion Starter

What is the longest journey you have been on? How did it feel coming to the end of that journey?

What has been some of the biggest decisions you have made throughout your life? Are there any that you would change or wish that you had the opportunity to make again?

Introduction

We are now at the end of Jesus' sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7), as you think about all that Jesus has said throughout Matthew chapters 5-7:

- What stands out?
- What have you learnt?
- What has been the most challenging?

Questions

Read Matthew 7:24-29

- Jesus speaks about hearing and putting what we hear into practice. Why are both (hearing & doing) important? Have you ever done one and not the other? What insight does James 1:22-25 add to Jesus' words?
- Jesus parallels a wise builder verse a foolish builder. In what ways are they similar, and what is different about them? What do these similarities and differences mean for us today?
- Jesus makes no real distinction between the houses the builders build; they could essentially look the same. What do the houses represent?
- Both builders face a storm, while storms can apply to the challenges we can face throughout life, what does this storm ultimately represent? (see Matthew 7:13 & 7:22)
- How does building on the rock help us in the storms of life? How has it helped you?
- How are people building on a sandy foundation today?
- Those who heard Jesus speak were amazed. Why was that, and what amazes you about Jesus' teaching?

Application

- How solid is your foundation, are you sure it will stand the storm that is coming?
- What kind of renovation work does your house need? A few touch ups, new paint, or complete knock-down and rebuild?