SERMON NOTES: February 16, 2025

III. Options

Foundation Matters

Matthew 7:24-29

I. Similarities

IV. Actions

II. Differences

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And 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. And 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. And 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." Matthew 7:24-27 "When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes."

Matthew 7:28-29

Life Group Study Questions

Foundation Matters

Matthew 7:24-29

1. Can you think of a time in your life when you encountered something that had a poor foundation? Tell us about that moment and its consequences.

2. Why is it often hard to tell if someone is a genuine believer just by the external picture of their life?

3. What are some of the similarities between the two men that Jesus describes?

4. What is the key difference between these two individuals?

5. Jesus is making it clear that you are either "attached" to Him or unattached to him in this life. Describe a scenario in life that revealed your true attachment to Christ?

6. What does the "storm" represent in this passage and consequently, what then does "a great fall" represent?

7. The believer in Christ will be humbly obedient to Gods Word while the unbeliever will be disobedient to God's Word. The believer will be kept by God and go into eternal life. The unbeliever will be judged by God and go into eternal death in hell. Which one are you?

8. How can we be amazed by Christ and yet avoid obeying Him?

9. Pray for a heart to obey God's Word and praise God for the confidence being attached to Him brings.