

Matthew 7:24-27 /// Week of October 1

Today's big idea: We can trust the Bible.

In this ice breaker be aware of who people mention, if this is easy or if they struggle to know someone they trust.

- Share with the group who do you trust the most and why?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of the wise and foolish builders.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Matthew 7:24-27 in the Bible.
- What were the expectations that Jesus had for his audience? **Hear and put into practice.**
- What was similar about the experiences of the builders and what can we learn from that? **Everyone has to deal with storms.**
- What was different about the experiences of the buildings and what can we learn from that? **Outcomes depend on where we build.**

Heart

Be intentional to thank anyone who might ask a questions, especially for those who are new to the group or to faith in Jesus. Remember to pause after each answer to allow opportunity for each one who shares to go even deeper.

- What questions do you have about the Bible itself or what did you hear in this week's sermon that caught your attention?
- How can our experiences impact how we read, understand and trust God's word?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to move past simply hearing God's word and actually putting it into practice?

Hands

If you have group members that are questioning the truth of the Bible be sure to remain open to where they are. Help them discover small steps they can take to be more open to the truth of God's word.

- Being part of a Community Group is a great way to learn about God's word and how to put it into practice. What are other ways you can do that?
- How can you help others who may not trust the Bible?
- Pray for one another and for revelation into God's word.

Next Week: Can I Trust the Church? Acts 4:32-5:6