

Stories Jesus Told – A Surprising Foundation Luke 6:46-49

Do you have a flood-proof foundation?

Introduction

See also Matthew 7:24-27

What type of parable is this?

- Surprising arrival and nature of God's Kingdom
- The upside-down value system of the Kingdom
- **Crisis parable**

What is the "house"? – Joshua 24:15; Psalm 23:6; 1 Timothy 3:15

1. What do we learn about God and his Kingdom?

What is the "rock"? Deuteronomy 32; 1 Samuel 2:2; Psalm 62:2, 6; 1 Peter 2:5-6

2. What do we learn about being a disciple in God's Kingdom? Luke 6:47

Building the foundation

- Comes to me = Relationship
- Hears my words = Attitude
- Does them = Behavior

The surprising foundation

- Luke 6:27-38 (versus Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20, Deuteronomy 19:2)

3. What am I to know about those outside the Kingdom?

No foundation

- Luke 6:49; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Why do we not build the foundation?

- Complacency
- Pride – Proverbs 14:21
- Selfishness – Luke 6:38
- Offense – Romans 9:32-33; 1 Peter 2:6-8

Reflection Questions

1. How is your life founded on Christ? How do you keep coming to him, listening to his words, and doing them?
2. Are there areas of your life where you have no foundation or the foundation you rely on is just an illusion of common sense or worldly wisdom?
3. How is God asking you to dig deep to find the rock that is Jesus?
 - Is there a difficult person in your life that he wants you to show kindness to and pray for?
 - Is there a specific way God is asking you to be generous with giving or lending?
 - Is there someone God wants you to be merciful to, or to let go of your offense or hurt and trust that God will take care of you?
 - Is there someone God wants you to forgive as he has forgiven you?
4. Are there areas of complacency, pride, selfishness, or offense that get in the way of you following Jesus' teaching when you come to him? Surrender those to him and ask his Spirit to strengthen you, give you humility to trust his ways, and give you his love for others.
5. Who do you know who doesn't have Jesus as their foundation? How does God want you to pray for them and share with them?