



## How's Your Foundation?

Scott Hansen, Lead Pastor – June 16, 2013

Luke 6:46 – 49

### INTRODUCTION

→ Composite Picture: Luke 6:46-49 + Matthew 7:24-29

PRINCIPLE #1: Hearing Jesus' words is not enough;  
you have to obey them as well.

→ James 1:22-24 - *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.*

### HOME-BUILDING IN ISRAEL

→ Rainy season: October to March

→ Dry season: April to September

→ In this parable...

- House = Your Life
- Rock = Person & Word of Christ

**SOLEMN WARNING** (Luke 6:46; cf. Matthew 7:21)

PRINCIPLE #2: A saving relationship with  
Jesus Christ requires obedience to Him  
as Lord.

### RECIPE FOR SPIRITUAL SUCCESS (Luke 6:47-48))

- 1 Come to Christ
- 2 Surrender in faith to Christ
- 3 Listen to Christ as a disciple
- 4 Obey Christ's leadership

### RECIPE FOR SPIRITUAL DISASTER

(Luke 6:49; cf. 8:21; 11:28; John 16:33)

PRINCIPLE #3: Winter weather will come to all of  
us; trials & testings are inevitable

PRINCIPLE #4: A superficial relationship with  
Christ will not stand the storms  
of life.

PRINCIPLE #5: The person who obeys Jesus will safely  
survive the crisis of divine  
judgment



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

**Lesson Aim:** To grow in our capacity to hear the words of God and also put them into practice.

**Prayer:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

1. **READ Luke 6:46-49.** What is Jesus referring to when he talks about “a man building a house”?
2. What are some reasons it is so important to have an eternal perspective as we “build our homes”?
3. During the last storm(s) to hit your life, what did you learn about your life's foundation?

4. One of the principles from Pastor Scott's teaching was: **Hearing Jesus' words is not enough; you have to obey them as well.** How does obeying the words of Jesus help us to “build our foundation on the rock”?
5. **Read James 1:22-24.** What are some things about our modern-day Christianity that contribute to making it tempting (and comfortable) to hear the words of God but not put them into practice?
6. What can you do (and who can help you) grow stronger in obeying the words of Jesus this week?

**Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.**

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at [theBridgeFresno.com](http://theBridgeFresno.com) by clicking on the “Messages” link.