

## Hidden Person, Hidden Heart.

### Ben Foote, Week 4 - October 30, 2022

**// Bible References:** Matthew 5:13-16; Matthew 6:1-4; Matthew 7:1-5; 7:24-27  
1 Peter 3:14-22; Philippians 2:9-11

#### **// Community Question:**

Tell about a time where you trained someone how to do something. Then when it came time to do it, they ignored what you said and did it their way. Describe your reaction or your feelings of them thinking they had a better way.

#### **// Discussion Questions:**

1. "Crisis doesn't make the man; it reveals the man." During times of difficulty (COVID, recession, inflation, barking dogs, crowded parking lots, etc.), what could make us stand out so that people wonder about the hope we have in Jesus? Give a specific example of where you did or should have done something that would make you "stick out".
2. What were your thoughts when Ben said that only 1/3 came back to Flatirons after the pandemic? Why did you come back? How can you help reignite others and come back to church?
3. Have you ever been in a situation where you followed God's blueprint without immediate results only later to experience God's answer to the situation.  
Was His answer the same as your anticipated answer?  
What was that like, related to your level of faith, during the waiting?  
What was that level of faith when God vindicated your faithful actions?  
How did that impact the next difficult situation you went through?
4. Read James 2:19 and Luke 6:46-49 one after the other.  
Is believing enough? Why or why not?  
What were some similarities between the wiseman and the foolish man?  
What was the main thing that set them?
5. We are called to hear and put into practice what Jesus said. Just before Jesus went to heaven, he gave very specific instructions. Read Matthew 28:18-19. List the things Jesus told us to do. Discuss what it looks like to put the things he commanded into practice.

#### **// Challenge:** Read the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 – 7).

Pick one area of life, from that sermon, where you're going to begin standing out.  
Report back next week on how it went.