

Kingdom - A Strategy That Stands Up

Weekend Discussion Questions

April 11-12, 2015

Community:

1. Last week Jim talked about your "*strategy for life*." Have you been convicted to make some changes in yours? If so, are you willing to share what some of those changes are?
2. What has been the most difficult thing you've ever built or made (i.e. house, quilt, model airplane, etc.)...And what did you learn in the process?

Core:

1. **Read Matthew 7:24-27.** In this parable, what are some things the two builders have in common, and where do they have differences?
2. Looking at these verses, where can you see an application for your life? What kind of "builder" are you?
3. As Jim explained, Jesus says that we're called to build our *foundation* on the rock, Jesus' words. Where in life do you use God's words for your foundation? Are there areas in your life where you're building on *sand*?
4. In this parable Jesus simply says, listen to my words, and then put them into practice. What areas of your life are you struggling to trust Jesus with?
5. One of the main points of Jim's message was that the "kingdom of God" is not just for followers of Jesus after we die—it's here and now. How do you think God wants to get involved in your life right NOW...today?
6. If we have any guarantee in this life it is this: there will be storms. How can you ensure that you don't live a life that's threatened by constant collapse? How can you embrace God's Kingdom in your life now?

Challenge:

1. Take some time each day this week to re-read Matthew 7:24-27 and see if God convicts you to believe and trust Him—to embrace His kingdom in the here-and-now...and what differences that it will make.

