

STUDY GUIDE

October 20

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- IWBNI - ZOOM for Winchester Campus starts Oct 22nd. Please register on ChurchCenter.
- Playgroup is meeting on Wednesday mornings weekly from 10-11:30am. Free coffee/tea for parents. All are welcome.

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Thank God for giving us a solid foundation to build our lives on. Praise Him for having good plans for our lives. Ask God to help us build our lives on Jesus and nothing else. Ask God to show us where we need to change.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Matthew 7:21-29

Matthew 16:5-19

Matthew 7:15-20

James 1:5-8

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. What are some modern-day "foundations" people may build their lives on that could lead to instability when life's storms hit?

2. What is the biggest deciding factor when you make your decisions in life? How can we ensure our foundation is rooted in Christ, both in our everyday choices and in moments of difficulty?
3. Matthew 7:15-20 warns about false prophets and emphasizes the importance of bearing good fruit. How can we discern the fruit of our lives? What kind of fruit do you see in your own life right now (e.g., joy, peace, bitterness)? How might your "roots" need to be adjusted to bear better fruit?
4. How can we declare Jesus as the "Messiah" in our own lives, not just with our words, but through our actions and decisions? What does it mean to build your life on the revelation of who Jesus is?
5. In what areas of your life do you find yourself struggling with doubt or fear? How can you build greater trust in God's wisdom, and what steps can you take to stop being "tossed by the waves" of uncertainty?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. *Read your Bible.*
2. *Put your faith into practice. Live like Jesus. Walk the walk, don't just talk the talk.*
3. *Ask God to show you where you lack in faith. Choose to surrender that to Jesus today.*