

Small Group Discussion Guide

Anchors: For the week of June 14 - 20, 2020

Main Thought and Scripture:

Our world is fallen because of sin, which is why Jesus taught His disciples to expect hardships and trials in their life. In Matthew 7:21-27, He also taught that those who hear, obey, and live by God's word would be able to withstand these very storms. To do so, simply knowing of Jesus will not be enough. Instead, God's word and our relationship with Jesus must be the very foundation and anchor of every area in our life.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.' ²⁴Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:21-27 ESV)

This year, we have seen crisis after crisis in our world that has created chaos, fear and uncertainty. But as we see in God's word, with Jesus as our anchor and foundation we can surely withstand these storms and continue to thrive, prosper, and share God's love with others.

How can we remain anchored in Christ?

- Build our lives on the rock, Jesus Christ.
- Know Jesus personally, not just casually.
- Grasp the reality of repentance and release the compromise of relief.
- Remember that if we call Jesus Lord, we must follow Him as Lord.

Discussion Questions:

- What stands out to you from the main thought and scripture?
- As we've witnessed crisis after crisis this year, how has being anchored in Jesus allowed you to remain hopeful, faithful, and able to keep on going? Explain.
- Who are some people in your life who have struggled in this season? How can you share God's love with them and help them know more of who Jesus is in their life?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another that Jesus would continue to be the solid foundation that we would build our life upon.
- Pray for opportunities to share God's love with others who have faced hardships and trials in this season of crisis, and that they would receive Jesus into their life.
- Pray that God would continue to crush COVID-19, heal those affected by the pandemic (in health and in finances) and also bring forth unity and peace in our world.