

BOTTOM LINE



THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

²⁴“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Matthew 7:24–27

Introduction

This Bible study looks at a parable that Jesus used at the close of the Sermon on the Mount to illustrate two different kinds of people. Listen to the parable carefully, then move into groups of 4 and discuss the questionnaire.

1. If you could build your dream house, where would you build it and what would it be like?

2. What is the worst storm you can remember?

3. Who (other than God) is the “Rock of Gibraltar” in your life? What is it about that person that makes them so stable?

4. In this parable, what exactly is Jesus promising to someone who is willing to live by his words?
 - that you will never experience storms
 - that you will experience the same storms as everybody else
 - that the storms will not destroy your faith
 - that you will get a new house if your old one collapses