

## Getting Started

1. What is a cool park in NWI or near Chicago that others may not know about?
2. Do you enjoy spending time at the beach in the sand?
3. Where would you build your dream house if you could?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 21:

#### Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;<sup>1</sup> it is also a wholehearted trust,<sup>2</sup> which the Holy Spirit creates in me<sup>3</sup> by the gospel,<sup>4</sup> that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also,<sup>5</sup> forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation.<sup>6</sup> These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> John 17:3, 17; Heb. 11:1-3; James 2:19 <sup>2</sup> Rom. 4:18-21; 5:1; 10:10; Heb. 4:14-16 <sup>3</sup> Matt. 16:15-17; John 3:5; Acts 16:14 <sup>4</sup> Rom. 1:16; 10:17; 1 Cor. 1:21 <sup>5</sup> Gal. 2:20 <sup>6</sup> Rom. 1:17; Heb. 10:10 <sup>7</sup> Rom. 3:21-26; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-10

Why do some hear the gospel and not respond? Why do some know about Jesus Christ, but do not follow him?

6. Read Matthew 5. What stands out to you in this chapter?
7. Read Matthew 6. What stands out to you in this chapter?
8. Read Matthew 7. What stands out to you in this chapter?

## Application

9. The world would have us believe we can build our lives on any foundation we choose. What Jesus tells us and we can confirm from experience is that nothing in this life is permanent. Everything is temporary except Jesus Christ. Put his words into practice and build your life upon the rock that is Jesus Christ. With him as your foundation you can weather life's storms.

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## Parables of Jesus

### “Solid Foundation”

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And 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.

Matthew 7:25, 25

- We are led to believe a life \_\_\_\_\_ on something other than \_\_\_\_\_ can be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ person builds their life on something \_\_\_\_\_.
- A life built on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ always has a \_\_\_\_\_ foundation.

Topics: Life's storms, temporary, solid foundation