



Sunday Bible Study Guide | July 6, 2025

Sermon

Wise and Foolish Builders - Guest Pastor Jay Kim

Scriptures: Matthew 7:24-27; Psalm 18:2

Context: Pastor Jay Kim shared about how the invention of the telegraph in the 1830s, by Samuel Morse, revolutionized long-distance communication. Initially a slow process due the limitations of the time, with the increased speed of technology, the way we engage with information today has changed from the local practical, and practically applied, to we are now drowning in information. It's easy to be informed, yet, there's so little actual change in our lives and in our world. We KNOW SO MUCH but we DO SO LITTLE. This is catastrophic.

In The Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes the point in Matthew 7:24 that DOING is what matters. His words give us life-changing information about building our faith on a strong foundation. Christ the Cornerstone. By putting his words into practice, we can experience the power of God and live life to its fullest.

Mixer

1. How did you celebrate the Independence Day holiday week?

Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Matthew 7:24-27. Who are the two kinds of people and how are they described?
2. Read Psalm 18:2. What does this tell us about God?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Read Matthew 7:24-27 in the New Living Translation (NLT). In this version, what do you think the difference is between "listens" (vs 24) and "hears" (vs 26), and how does this difference impact how you take in information?
2. In Psalm 18:2, why would you want a relationship with this God?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

Consider Jesus' concluding remarks of the Sermon on the Mount - his assigned tasks - for building an abundant life and life to the fullest. Is there a storm you are facing, an obstacle that you cannot move, a plan that you have made that is being upended? Jesus says to re-build your life on His unshakeable foundation.

1. *Let your light shine by your good deeds.* Is there someone in your life that can be encouraged by your light? How will you be that light?
2. *Fight anger and lust.* What do you wrestle with? What does the Spirit provide to you for your fight, and what do you stand to gain?
3. *Keep your promises.* Would you agree that this is the better way, knowing there is a cost to either breaking a promise or keeping it?
4. *Love your enemies.* Why is this so hard to do? Why does Jesus tell us to do this? Who in your life can you share undeserved/unearned love with this week? What will you do to accomplish that mission?
5. *Quietly give to those in need.* Why do you think Jesus cares that giving is not about you but about the receiver?
6. *Store up your heavenly treasures, not earthly ones.* How do earthly things distract us from doing heavenly things? Are you being the person Jesus is describing?
7. *Do not judge.* What are some ways in which you can walk in step with the Spirit and eliminate your need to judge? What do *repent* and *confess* mean to you?
8. *Stop worrying about tomorrow, trust God today.* What could prayer and fasting do to help you trust God more today?

Go First Together

Community shapes us, forms us, and reminds us we don't follow Jesus alone. But the deeper truth is this: God blesses us so we can be a blessing to others. As a leader, you have the opportunity to go first and invite your group to be part of something bigger than themselves. Whether it's serving our city, showing up for the next generation, or stepping into a lifestyle of generosity, these are the moments that shape disciples and change lives. Let's be the kind of church that doesn't wait to make a difference. Let's Go First together!

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