



August 5, 2018

“Jesus chose and  
disciplined twelve men,  
so that you would  
have a rock to stand  
on in a world of  
quicksand.”

- David Mathis

**Primary Text:** Matthew 7:24-29

### 1. Pray (2 mins)

**Pause. Acknowledge you are about to open God’s word.**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

### 2. Warm-Up (20 mins)

**Read Matthew 7:24-29**

- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?
- What is the context of this parable? Where does it “land” in the book Matthew?
- Why did Jesus use parables? How does the Bible help us answer this question?

### 3. Illuminate (30 mins)

**On the reverse side of this page you will find our text. Use this page to circle/underline/connect.**

- Jesus makes two distinctions in verse 24; Why do you think hearing was not enough for Jesus?
- Wet sand often has the appearance of being firm and stable on the surface but is not at all. What warnings can we draw from this example?
- Verse 29 says that the crowds gathered around Jesus sensed that he was not like the usual scribes. What did this mean and why did they say this?
- What verses can you find that talk about the authority of Jesus? Briefly partner up to find and share.
- The truths of the Bible are meant to be shared. Given the opportunity, could you now explain this text to someone else in your own words? Anyone brave enough to try it now?

### 4. Pray (10 mins)

**Learn what the Bible says about prayer. Close in prayer.**

Trinitarian Prayer Structure:

- Pray to the Father
- In the power of the Spirit
- By the authority and merit of the Son

**TEXT: Matthew 7:24-27** - Build Your House on the Rock

<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> And 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. <sup>27</sup> And 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.”

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**Homework:** Ready your heart for Sunday ([Ready resources - warrenbaptist.org/ready](http://warrenbaptist.org/ready)).

- 1) Read Luke 8:4-15 – Parable of the Sower
- 2) How would you summarize this parable to someone who had no knowledge of it?

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3) Additional Notes/Questions:

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4) Bring this with you to your next Life Group for discussion.