



Group Questions | September 11 | Week 20

SERIES RECAP

When Jesus came in the flesh, he set an example of what life was always supposed to look like. This series will be a verse by verse journey through one of the most important sermons ever preached. When Jesus gathered His early followers on the side of a mountain, he shared these words to prepare them for the calling they were stepping into as Kingdom people.

CONNECTION

There's always something attractive about a shortcut. If you grew up in the country, you likely had a backroad or shortcut that you loved to take to beat people to a destination. Or, if you're stuck in traffic on the interstate, you likely start thinking about what backroads you can take to make your trip quicker/shorter.

If you're in interstate traffic, what do you typically do? Stay put or try to find the nearest exit?

Now, there are other shortcuts we like to take in life. They're usually connected to a job or some work we have to do. Something that gets the job done faster or makes the job a little easier. What experience do you have with these kinds of shortcuts?

TENSION

Can someone read Matthew 7:24-27?

On Sunday, Travis explained why first-century builders would be tempted to take a shortcut by building on the sand verse solid ground. Does anyone remember why they were tempted to build on the sand?

Often when we take shortcuts like this, we are being shortsighted. What issues happen when we are shortsighted in the decisions we make in life?

When it comes to building your life on the words of Christ; building your life as a Christ follower, what are some ways people tend to take shortcuts that may seem okay in the short term but are unhelpful in the long?

TRUTH

Suppose Christ is inviting us to intentionally build our lives on the solid rock of his presence. How do we diligently do that on a day-to-day basis?

Can someone read James 1:22-25?

What comes to mind when you hear these verses?

APPLICATION

How can we receive help or help others with building their life on the solid rock of Jesus and his teachings?

Do you have people in your life that can help you with this?

PRAY