

Thornbury Baptist Church
Small Group Discussion Questions

Talk Date: November 9th 2025

Talk title: The Two Builders

Passage: Matt 7:24-29

Speaker: David Lawrence

Discussion Questions

1. What does it practically mean to "build your house on the rock"? How can obedience to Jesus' teachings serve as a firm foundation in everyday life?
2. Jesus emphasizes *doing* His words, not just hearing them. Why do you think action is such an important part of faith? What might "hearing but not doing" look like today?
3. What kinds of "storms" or challenges test our spiritual foundations? Can you think of a time when your faith was tested, and how did your "foundation" hold up?
4. The crowds were amazed because Jesus taught "as one who had authority." What do you think that means? How does Jesus' authority differ from that of other teachers or leaders?
5. The wise and foolish builders both experienced the same storm. What does this reveal about the nature of life and faith? Does following Jesus exempt us from difficulties?
6. David suggested that the 'storm' Jesus spoke of was in fact the storm of a final judgment. What hope does Jesus' parable offer for that day?
7. This parable concludes Jesus' longest recorded sermon. Why do you think He chose this story as the ending? What message does it leave us with about the kind of disciples He wants?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

Spend time praying with one another in the light of your discussion.