

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 7 March 2021

Vision Series

Matthew 7:24-29



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Can you think of a time when you knew what the right thing to do was, but you didn't do it?

For example: going to the dentist for a checkup, eating healthy and exercising.

Q2. Did a bigger issue come about because you put off doing the thing you knew was right?

Often, we neglect a dull pain in our tooth, only to learn that if we had regular checkups, that expensive dental procedure could have been avoided.

INTO THE WORD

Read Matthew 7:24

Q3. Can you remember the first time you baptised someone?

Or maybe you haven't had the honour of doing that yet. We know in Matthew 28, we are called to do that because Jesus commissioned us as his disciples. However, often we either think it's someone else's job, or we feel unequipped.

How can we learn from scripture to be obedient to the things Jesus is calling us to do when we follow Him?

Read Matthew 7:25

Q4. When we feel that it's someone else's job or when we feel unequipped to handle a situation, we can often expect someone else to carry out our responsibility, or become too fearful to respond.

This can be problematic when we face our own challenging situations/storms in life.

Scripture is clear, there will be storms.

Can you think of a difficult time in your life (storms) when your faith helped you stay strong?

What actions did you take? Did your actions reflect Jesus' model?

GOING DEEPER

Read Matthew 7:26-27

Q5. We all know people who *act* and *appear* to be very Christian in their lifestyle and character.

Their life or, (in this passage of scripture) 'house', looks great, it's a well-built house, and often we see God's character in those people. However, if the foundation of their life is not built on Christ, ultimately that means that spiritually they will fall.

The parallel in this passage also echoes a gospel message. If we were to build our foundation in obedience to God's teaching, we would ensure that others are not building their house on the sand, by giving them the opportunity to know the foundation builder - Jesus.

Are there areas of your life that need a foundation check?

Are you willing to pay the cost of obedience so that others may live? What would that look like to you?

Read Matthew 16:24

Q6. If we want to follow Jesus, we must fully surrender ourselves, our ideas, our ambitions, our expectations, and our attitudes to Jesus. It is in this that we are open to listen and put into practice the teachings of Jesus. What do you need to hand over to him this week?

Pray

Jesus, we ask today that you would take the 'soft sand' area of our lives that is causing us to sink, so that we can build a firm foundation on your teaching. Enable us to withstand the storms of life and help others to know what it is to stand on your word and teaching when life gets rough. Amen.