

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Session 5

Reminders:

- Spend some time getting to know each other. The relationships you build in this group are more important than getting to all of the material. Have everyone introduce and share a little about themselves.
- You do not need to have all of the answers. And you do not need to get to all the questions. The idea is to create good discussion.
- Make sure to take the time to share prayer requests and pray for each other.

Questions for Discussion:

- When life presses you hardest, what do you instinctively run to for stability, and what does that reveal about what you're really built on?
 - Jesus says both builders "heard" His words. What are some ways we can be close to Jesus' teaching without actually building our lives on it?
 - Think about a recent "storm" in your life. What did that season expose in you about how you respond to pressure and what you truly trust?
 - What is your personal "sand"—the thing that feels solid when life is calm but cannot carry you when life gets heavy?
 - What is one specific area where you sense God calling you to obedience right now, and what makes that step difficult for you?
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Read Matthew 7:24–27 (take turns reading if helpful)

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- Why do you think Jesus emphasizes *doing* His words and not just *hearing* them?
- What do you think the "storm" represents in real life?
- How does this passage challenge the way you think about faith and obedience?
- Is there a response or next step you sense God inviting you to take after hearing this message?