

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?...

A Video Bible Study Series

(John 6:68, NIV)

PARABLE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

PARABLES OF JESUS SERIES (MATTHEW 7:24-27)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is a parable?

- A parable is a short story that uses examples which everyone can understand and has a special meaning. Jesus did much of His teaching through parables to help us learn about God and how we are to live.

2. What did Jesus say the wise man did in the parable?

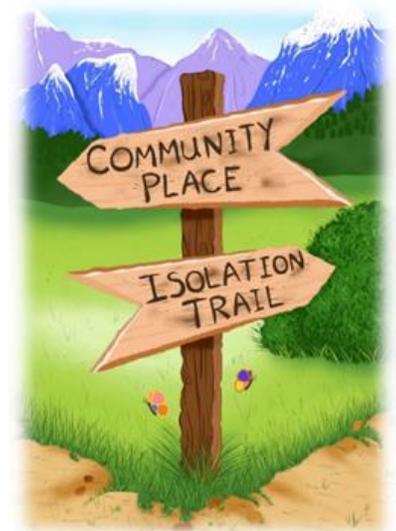
- The wise man built his house on a rock. When the rains came, and the water rose, the house stayed standing. When the winds blew and beat against the house, it did not fall. It was built on a rock, which was solid ground.

3. Why did Jesus say this?

- Jesus said that those who listen to Him and put His teachings into practice are like the wise man who built his house on a rock. In this parable, the rock represents God's Word. When we follow Jesus and are obedient to His teachings, we stand strong. Even when trouble comes, God's Word is a solid rock that we stand on and we don't fall away. Our faith remains strong in God.

4. What did Jesus say the foolish man did in the parable?

- The foolish man built his house on sand. When the rains came, and the winds blew and beat against the house, it fell with a loud crash. It was built on sand, which was unstable ground.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

5. What did Jesus mean when He said this?

- Jesus said that those who hear His teachings but do not put them into practice are like the foolish man who built his house on sand. When trouble comes, those people do not have God's Word to stand on and they easily fall away from God.
- Both the wise and foolish man hear what Jesus says. However, the wise man has faith in Jesus and is obedient to God's Word, while the foolish man does nothing. So, when struggles come, the wise man stands firm knowing that God is with him. But the foolish man is overwhelmed by his problems because he does not have God's Word as a solid foundation.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Are you more like the wise man or the foolish man in Jesus' story, and why?

- If you don't think you practice Jesus' teachings in your life, first of all invite Jesus into your heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to build a strong foundation in you and guide you in your life. Look to surround yourself with Christian community like a Friendship group to help you grow in your faith.

2. What can you do to be more like the wise man?

- Study God's Word, pray daily, go to church and Friendship group, surround yourself with other believers and in Christian community, and tell others about Jesus.