



# Sermon Discussion QUESTIONS



**July 28, 2024**

***Deep is as Deep Does***

**Matthew 7:24-29**

1. What part of the text/message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged? Intrigued? Challenged?
2. What are the similarities and key differences between the wise and foolish builders? What do the “rock” and “sand” symbolize? How do the rains, floods, and winds function with this story?
3. How does Jesus’ teaching in this passage align with or differ from the contemporary wisdom about building a strong foundation in life?
4. Why do you think people would be so foolish as to build their lives on sand, as Jesus mentions? What makes sand so attractive to us? What particular kinds of sand are you most susceptible to trust? Why is sand inherently unstable and incapable of protecting us when storms arise?
5. Why is it dangerous to equate our spiritual maturity *solely* by our biblical literacy (Paul Tripp calls it the “academizing” of our faith)? What are some examples of how we can be hearers of the Word, but not doers of the Word? (see James 1:22-25)
6. How did the people respond to Jesus’ teaching (vv. 28-29)? What could we learn from their response? Where are you most at risk of devaluing the importance, significance, and authority of Jesus in your life?