

Built Different

Discussion Guide

“Built on God’s Word”

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Starter What’s something in your life that completely fell apart because it didn’t have a good foundation: a relationship, a habit, a project, or even something you built?

Sermon Summary

If we want a strong, impactful life, we must build it on the deep foundation of God’s Word rather than on shallow or inconsistent habits. By submitting to Scripture’s authority—letting it shape our hearts and living it out daily—we become spiritually grounded and able to withstand life’s storms as we grow into who God designed us to be.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

1 Timothy 4:7–8	2 Timothy 3:16–17	Matthew 7:24	1 Thessalonians 2:13
John 17:17	Jeremiah 18:1–6	Philippians 1:21	James 1:22
Romans 10:17	Luke 8:18	Matthew 4:4	Psalm 119:11
Isaiah 40:8	John 1:1, 14	John 3:16	

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. What stood out to you most about the idea that “the higher you want to go, the deeper your foundation must be,” and how does that apply to your life right now?
2. In what ways have you seen God’s Word shape or change you in the past, and where do you sense He may be wanting to shape you now?
3. What does it look like for you personally to be “submitted to the authority of Scripture,” and what makes that easy or difficult?

4. How can reading, listening to, and retaining God's Word become a more consistent part of your daily life this year?
5. What is one practical habit you could start (or restart) this week to help you build your life more intentionally on God's Word?

Go Deeper

1. Study Matthew 4:1–11 (Jesus tempted in the wilderness). While emotions and circumstances can become unstable, Scripture is the unchanging foundation for our choices. How does Jesus use Scripture correctly in contrast to Satan's misuse of it? How can God's Word anchor your identity before it guides your behavior?
2. Study Matthew 7:24–27 (wise and foolish builders). How are the two lives different? What do storms reveal about foundations? Think about the stability in long-term habits versus momentary decisions.

Apply

1. Establish a daily "bedrock" habit. Choose a specific and consistent time and place this week to read Scripture for at least 10–15 minutes a day (using a reading plan, the sermon passages, or a Gospel), asking one simple question as you read: "*God, what are You showing me about You, and what are You inviting me to change?*" Write down one insight and one action step each day.
2. Practice immediate obedience. Identify one area where you already know what God's Word says but haven't acted on it yet (forgiving someone, reconciling a relationship, being more generous, changing a habit), and commit to taking one concrete step of obedience this week as a way of moving from hearing the Word to building your life on it.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Pray for hunger for God's Word—that God would give you a deep desire to know Him through Scripture, not out of duty but out of love, and that His Word would become your daily source of life, truth, and strength.
2. Pray for a heart that submits and obeys. Ask God to help you trust His Word enough to follow it even when it challenges you, corrects you, or stretches you beyond what feels comfortable.
3. Pray for lasting transformation and that God would use His Word to shape your character, renew your mind, and produce visible fruit in your life so you grow more like Christ and reflect Him to others.

Leadership Tip

Encourage your group not just to read Scripture but to apply it, letting it shape their decisions, relationships, and priorities. Lead by example. Share a specific time when you've submitted to its authority, been shaped by its truth, and been steered by its wisdom. Your vulnerability creates space for others to share ways they are digging into God's Word in their daily lives.