

CASTLES OF SAND

SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

FOR LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION

JANUARY 17, 2021

MY STORY

1. If you could eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be and why?
2. Do you have a favorite band or singer?
3. Can you think of a specific time you have been specifically influenced by someone or something? Share the story.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Share your takeaway from this weekend's message from Pastor John.
2. Read Matthew 7:24-27 and answer the following questions:
 - a. Explain the difference between the foundations of the houses.
 - b. What do these houses have in common?
 - c. What types of storms most often reveal the foundation our lives are built upon?
 - d. What place, or priority, does God's Word have in your life? Explain.

CALL TO ACTION | RESPONSE TO STORMS: In the midst of a situation, storm, or season, be aware and notice your internal and external reactions and responses. Reflect on them. What is the response rooted in? How can you build upon healthy responses or respond differently? How can you use Scripture and God's truth as a filter prior to responding?

4. Read I Corinthians 6:14-15 and Proverbs 13:20 and answer the following questions:
- What is the main point of these verses? Why is this point important?
 - How have you been impacted, negatively and positively, by the people you are connected to?
 - Who are the wise and the fools mentioned in the Proverb?
 - How can you have influential people in your life, but not allow yourself to be connected to them?

CALL TO ACTION | INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS: Take an honest look at the influential relationships in your life. In what specific ways are those people influencing you? For those influencing you in a positive way, take time to thank or encourage them. For the relationships that are unhealthy or toxic, what adjustments can you make to those relationships? (In addition to influential people, these relationships can also be between ourselves and forms of media, materialism, and marketplace.)

TAKING IT HOME

5. In one or two sentences, how are you going to practically put the “Call To Action” sections from above into practice this week?

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