



Life Group Study Notes
RESTORING THE FOUNDATION
Ps. Rice Broocks - May 28, 2017

Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What was the hardest project you tried to complete while at school? What was the end result?
- What's the main difference between an advisor and a boss?
- Are you taking the Purple Book challenge this summer?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled^[a] master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

The Scripture emphasizes the importance of building life on the right foundation. We can choose to build on gold or hay, but what we build on will be tested. Building life on the right foundation means to build on the truth. We will look at three crucial truths and practices that we need to build on if we want our lives to pass the test of fire.

1. The Lordship of Christ

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.^[a] But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground

without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.” Luke 6:46-49

- “To build on the truth of Jesus Lordship” means that he is the Lord of my life, not just my buddy.
- We live on a fault line that runs through the center of this culture. Unless we take the time to dig deep and make sure we are living under the Lordship of Christ - not by the cultural standards or our own emotions - we won't be able to stand firm when the tribulations of life come.

2. Faith and Repentance

- Repentance means a change of mind and a change of heart.
- The fact that somebody feels bad for what they did doesn't necessary mean repentance. The Scripture has abundant examples of people who felt bad for what they did, but didn't actually repent: Saul, Judas.

3. The Word

- Within the seed of God's word is the very power that created the universe. If we put the word in our lives, we will live in the power of God.
- The Word of God is the instrument that lets us know if we are going in the right direction. We need to instill the Word of God in our lives to be able to discern his voice and his will.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- How does the Lordship of Jesus determine the way you live your life?
- Which of the three foundations we studied today do you need to work on strengthening the most? How do you plan to do that?
- What have you learned from this lesson and how are you going to apply it to your life?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Pray confessing that Jesus is the Lord of your life.
- Repent for any sin you haven't yet acknowledged and confessed.
- Ask God to help you read, meditate and stand in the Word of God.