

2023 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.” (Matthew 7:24-29)

“The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” (Psalm 18:2)

“For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.” (1 Corinthians 10:4)

1. Discuss the significance of having a firm foundation in life. What practical differences might this make?
2. What do you think it means to have Jesus as one's foundation? How might you know if you are founded on Christ or on shifting sand? What “checks” might you undertake?
3. Share a story or two of what having a foundation in Jesus has meant for you. How has this permitted you to stand strong in the midst of the storms of life?

Discussion Questions Set #2

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.” (James 1:22-25)

1. Discuss the relationship between hearing Christ's word and practicing the word of God for the follower of Jesus.
2. How might a failure to practice the words of Christ be like building upon an unstable foundation?
3. How might one be “deceived” if they merely listen to the word and do not do what it says?
4. How might obedience to the word of Christ allow us to experience full lives of lasting joy? Do you believe that obedience to Christ leads to this outcome? Why or why not?
5. Why might it be significant that obedience to Christ has “real time” outcomes for the follower of Jesus?

Discussion Questions Set #3

Thinking of the Sermon on the Mount Sermon series as a whole, what is:

- a) one idea or concept that was new to you?
- b) one concept or idea that was reinforced in your mind?
- c) one takeaway that will impact your following of Jesus moving forward?