

ICEBREAKER

- If you could listen to any band or person live, who would it be and why?
- Where would you build your ideal house? Why? What would it look like?
- Describe the worst storm you've been in.

LEADERSHIP SUMMARY

1. The focus of this session is on hearing and doing. We are to put what we hear into practice.
2. Supplemental texts could include:
 - James 1:22-25 (be doers of the word)
 - Philippians 2:12-13 (spiritual growth involves our part & God's part)
3. In this session you may want to explore what the Bible says about temptation. There are numerous texts that speak to our assurance of victory over temptation: 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 1:13,14; 1 Peter 5:8, 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 John 2:15-16 (reveals satan's strategy: lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life). Passages like Psalm 119:9-11 and James 4:7 show us some things a person can do to keep temptation from becoming sin.

QUESTIONS

- Read Matthew 7:24-25 **[See if they can quote it.]**

²⁴ "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. ²⁵ 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.

1. What two things does Jesus say are necessary for a person to be like the wise man who built his house on the rock? (Hears the words and puts them into practice.)

2. What are some ways we can hear from Jesus? (examples could be: Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church - His people.) How does He most often speak to you?
3. What have been some of the best times for you to listen to Jesus? (Leader should share an example of a time when he/she heard from God. It could be during a church service, prayer time, while driving in a car, etc.)
4. What challenges do you face that hinder you from hearing from Jesus?
5. What kinds of things can you do to overcome those challenges?
6. Read Matthew 7:26-27

26 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. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

7. What are the main differences between the wise and foolish man? (Leader can emphasize after others share that one man heard Jesus' words and put them into practice while the other man did not put them into practice.)

BREAK INTO GROUPS OF 2-3

1. What have you heard from God lately - whether in a message or your quiet time?
2. How are you putting that into practice?
3. What can you do on a daily basis to make sure you are acting on what you hear?

GROUP MEETING :: 3



MISSION

- Discuss how you are doing as a group in influencing others.
- Pray for your missionaries.

PRAYER

- How can we pray for each other? (emphasize decisions)

BEFORE NEXT GATHERING:

- Read *Learn To Heal* (pgs. 80-104)
- Memorize Matthew 7:7-8

RESOURCES

- Music to Inspire You to Follow Jesus (PDF)
- Bible Study Process (pgs. 218-220)