

Simple (Week 3: Behave)

Jesus arrived on the stage of world events and announced that God's intent was to connect with, not confuse, mankind. To those who were considered most distant from God, Jesus offered a message and invitation that was profoundly... simple. People who accepted his offer found themselves captivated by an extraordinary faith leading them to adopt a lifestyle that turned the world upside down.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- 2. In your opinion, what keeps people from taking the last step and obeying Jesus? What keeps people from allowing Him to transform our actions and behavior?
- 3. When did you begin to obey Jesus? What was your motivation? What should be our motivation?
- 4. **Read Matthew 7:24.** What are the benefits of doing the hard work of laying a firm foundation for your life?
- 5. **Read Matthew 7:25.** When has obeying Jesus helped you weather the storms of life?
- 6. Of all the Christian commandments that you have heard, which ones have been the hardest for you to apply in your life? What difference would it make if you were to align your actions and behavior with Jesus teaching in that area?
- 7. **Read Matthew 7:26-27**. Have you seen someone's life crumble under a storm of life? Have you felt your life crumble beneath the weight of a storm? How was the outcome affected by the foundation that was laid?
- 8. **Read Matthew 7:28-29.** The authority Jesus taught with amazed the crowds. Do you believe that Jesus knows what he is talking about? Why do you trust him?
- 9. Obedience to Christ makes all the difference in the outcomes of your life. Going forward in obedience to Christ, what areas (in terms of your actions and behavior) do you need to surrender?