

BELPRES CHURCH

Sermon Title: Put it into Practice

Icebreaker Question: If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Opening Question: Looking back to last week's sermon and scripture... How did you live differently or practice what we talked about in your life this week? What did you do and how did it go?

This week's scriptures:

Matthew 7:24-29

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. 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."

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Scripture Reflection Questions: Read this week's scripture together and discuss the following:

- What does "the rock" represent in this passage?
- What does Jesus promise to those who are willing to live by his words?

Sermon Reflection Questions: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- How would you describe your spiritual foundations right now (eg: shaky, solid, brand new, slowly eroding away, being rebuilt, etc.)? What actions do you think Jesus calls you to in light of this?
- As you reflect on what you've learned during the "You've Heard it Said" sermon series the past few months, as well as the stories shared by the panel this Sunday, do you have

any stories of your own to share or a way that you are viewing life and your circumstances differently via a biblical or scriptural lens?

Closing Question and Application: Given what we've discussed together today, how might God want you to apply these learnings to your life or in the life of your community this next week? Who might you share this with?

Closing group prayer: Spend a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.