

Storms

Sunday July 27, 2008

Matt 7:24-27

Introduction

A Year of Storms

The Storms of Life

Matt 7:24-27; Luk 6:46-49

The Storms of Life

Make a List – The Storms of Life

- Storms Come
- People Weather Storms Differently
- Jesus Gives Advice on Being Storm Ready

When to Get Ready

- Storms Tend to be Sudden and Unexpected
- Foundations are Rarely Visible or Exciting
- It Takes Discipline
- It Takes Plodding

How to Get Ready

Story Comes at End of Sermon – Jesus' "So What" Section

Hear

- Jesus Has Come and Has Taught
- Place Ourselves so we can Hear

Put Into Practice

- Don't Just Hear – Do It!

Conclusion

- There will be Storms
- The Time to Get Ready is Now!
- Jesus Has Told Us How to Get Ready
- Place Ourselves So We Can Hear
- Don't Just Hear – Do It!

Take it Home!

What is the worst weather you have ever experienced?

A storm is used in Matt 7:24-27 to describe troubles or hardships in life. What kind of unexpected "storms" of this sort have you experienced? What kind of unexpected "storms" of this sort have others you know experienced?

Do you know people who have experienced deep troubles or hardships and faced them with grace and strength? Describe some of these people.

Share about something that was slow and unexciting but ultimately proved beneficial.

Jesus emphasizes hearing his teaching and putting it into practice in this week's passage. What do you most need to take from these instructions right now?

Take It Home - Take this home and use these questions to think about the ideas shared today. It is even better if you can use these questions in a conversation with someone else.