

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 4-11-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Who has stood on the wet sandy beach as the rushing water flowed past your bare feet back into the ocean? What happened under your feet?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Matthew 7:24-27 "Unshakable in the Face of Uncertainty"

1. Read out loud Matthew 7:24-27. What does building on a rock mean? How is that done according to this passage? How have you done that in a life storm?
2. Read out loud John 16:33. Can you share anything you have learned about conquering fear through knowing that Christ has overcome the world? How has that truth helped you to face the unknown?
3. Read out loud Mark 2:1-5. How have friends helped you to trust God? Have you been able to help anyone through uncertainty?
4. Read out loud 1 Peter 4:12-13. Peter speaks of a "fiery ordeal." Can you discuss how Christ kept you standing when life became painful and confusing?
5. Read 1 Peter 3:15. Whose "front porch" helped you (maybe is helping you now) come to trust Jesus? Who can you invite to your front porch to help them find an unshakable life?

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?