

# Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups

Week of June 17th  
Sermon Titled: "Welcome Home"

**Open in Prayer. Read Matthew 7:24-27.**

**As you begin, ask the group:** How would you summarize the main points of the sermon? What stood out to you about the sermon? What questions did you have? What challenged you?

*Note for the discussion and application questions: choose a couple of the questions below to discuss and go deeper with the sermon together.*

## Application & Discussion Questions

1. Who are people that you know whose lives radiate the love of Christ and a life built on Jesus as the Rock? Describe them.
2. This parable ends Jesus' teaching on the Sermon on the Mount. It's the punchline. It's a parable of judgment, but also of freedom. How so? How do the preceding verses in 7:21-23 and the whole of the Sermon on the Mount relate to our passage?
3. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Rock, the ultimate trustworthy foundation for any and every storm of life.
  - a. What do people turn to for trust & security other than Jesus?
  - b. What are common areas of a Christian's life that can often look indistinguishable--and sometimes worse!--from a non-Christian whose life is built on sand? How can we spot that in our lives? What does repentance look like?
4. Do you have a vision or practice of family discipleship to strengthen a love for the gospel within your home?
5. Discuss this quote together. How does this relate to our passage, biblical community and to outreach to those outside God's family? Carl R. Trueman writes: *"One of the hallmarks of the people of God is supposed to be hospitality. But in an age of commuter churches, towns disemboweled by shopping malls, and lives that are overscheduled and full of ceaseless activity, hospitality is something which, like true friendship, is at a premium."*
6. How do you want Jesus to change your thoughts, habits and relationships to better *enjoy* Jesus as the builder and bedrock of our faith? Be specific and practical.

**Prayer Focus:** Read Psalm 127:1-2. Rejoice the LORD is the builder and we can rest in Him. Pray that God would strengthen our faith that we may truly live as those who have been raised up with Christ in the heavenly places.