

This week's teaching is about committing to growth. Help the students in your midweek small group understand that we highly value our Sunday morning services with musical worship and teaching, but we also put a really high emphasis on the time you have with them. These small groups are like an introductory home church experience. The Sunday teaching is recapped briefly, and then discussed and applied to our lives.

Students may ask: Why should I show up on Sunday morning? There are many reasons! One is to be together with other brothers and sisters. Another is to participate in the worship service—or to serve with kids, tech, welcome, or other areas. As the body of Christ, we function best together.

Midweek small groups go deeper as we discuss, apply, and pray together. We're connected in community, reinforcing what we're learning, changing how we listen and learn on Sunday, and creating safe spaces to practise obeying the commands of Christ.

HANGOUT

1. Discuss:
 - Have you ever made a goal for yourself but something prevented you from achieving it? What was the goal? What was the barrier?
 - Why do you think people don't do the things we set out to do?
 - If you really want to do something, you can make it happen. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

HEAR

2. Look up and read Matthew 7:24-29.
3. Discuss:
 - What stands out to you in this passage? Did Bruxy say anything about it in his teaching that was helpful to you?
 - Both the wise and foolish builders are people who know the teaching of Jesus. In other words, they are both people we might find in churches today. In which life situations have you been like the wise builder? When have you been more like the foolish builder?
 - What are some of the teachings of Jesus that you know, and you can see the good in, but you haven't put into practise? What's stopping you?
 - If you identify as a Christ-follower, how aware are you of your foundation in Jesus when you're at school or with your friends? Does it come into play in how you live, speak, or act? How?
4. Look up and read Jesus' retelling of this story in Luke 6:46-49.
5. Discuss:
 - Did you notice anything new in this passage?
 - What can we learn from this version?

HUDDLE

6. Discuss: How could our small group commit to taking the next step of growing in Jesus?
7. Create a challenge to do something Jesus calls us to (e.g., get to know him better through reading the Bible; forgive someone; spend time together with other Christ-followers on Sundays and midweek; pray and learn from the heart of Jesus).
8. Pray together about what the students have shared and discussed.