

Group/Individual Study

Series: Questions Jesus Asked: "Why do you call me Lord, Lord?"

Passages: Luke 6:46-49

REFLECT on the message heard Sunday, 11/12

1. Read Luke 6:46-49. The word "Lord" in the Bible is a strong word. It corresponds with idea of "master" and was used in the Old Testament as a way to refer to God. What's the inherent disconnect Jesus is implying between calling Him "Lord" -- but not obeying the things He said? What were the first areas of life you tried to conform to Jesus' teaching when you first believed? What are some you working on now?
2. Jesus uses the analogy of two houses to explain His point. One house is built on the solid foundation of putting Jesus' words into practice. The other house is simply built on "top soil" and represents our lives when we hear Jesus' words but don't put them into practice.
  - What do you make of the fact that both "houses" face storms?
  - When you first believed, did you think God would protect you from experiencing life's storms or empower you to withstand them?
3. Have you ever survived a storm that you are pretty sure you couldn't have gotten through without Him? What role did obeying what Jesus teaches play into getting you through?
4. The second house had no foundation rooted in doing life Jesus' way. How do you think the wind and storms of life tend to expose the fragility of this way of life? Do you know anyone who came to faith in Jesus during a crisis? How did the crisis fit into their coming to faith?
5. What do you think is the heart of God's motivation in calling us to obey His teaching? You may come up with multiple things that you think are in His heart in this regard.
6. Many of us have found our greatest Christian joy in coming to understand the grace of God more fully. How do you hold and explain the value of BOTH obedience to Jesus AND the grace of Jesus? Do you think these two truths work together or fight each other? Explain.