

THE Storyteller

— the PARABLES of JESUS —

“Are you ready for storm season because it's coming?”

Getting Started

Take a moment to answer a few of the following questions about storytelling

- Who is the best storyteller you know? What makes them so good?
- What is one story from your childhood that you have told the most often?
- What story are you telling most often in about your life right now?
- What was your favorite story book growing up?
- What is a great story of victory or defeat from your life?

Jesus is the great storyteller.

Take a moment to share with the group the story of how Jesus came into your life.

Going Deeper

What is one thought from the message that spoke to you this last Sunday?

Read over [Matthew 7:24-27](#). Take a moment to talk over the truth in these verses and answer the following questions.

- **W**hat are some forms of sand that people today build their life on?
- **H**ave you personally been an eyewitness to someone who has build their life on a shaky foundation and have seen it come crashing down?
- **W**hat does Jesus tell us to do in order to build our lives on a solid foundation?
- **H**ow stable do you feel your life is right now?

In this story Jesus challenges us to build our life on his words, his principles. To not just listen but put them into practice. Matthew 5-7 gives us several different principles we can build our life on. Today we will only look at two.

Read over [Matthew 6:19-24](#).

What word or phrase jumps out at you from these verses?

Talk about the truth of the following phrases.

- *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth. Store up treasures in heaven.”*

- *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be”*
- *“You cannot serve God and money”*

How have you seen these phrases lived out in the people around you?

Read over [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

What word or phrase jumps out at you from these verses?

Do you ever struggle with pre-worry (worrying about things that are in the future) or post-worry (living in regret of things in the past)? How do either of these worries effect how you live your life?

Talk about the truth of the following phrases

- *“Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”*
- *“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you”*
- *“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own”*

What can you do to better practice these truths in your life?

Closing Prayer

Is there anyone in your group currently going through a storm. Take a moment to share your stories and pray for each other.

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