

SERMON NOTES

April 29 & 30, 2023

Debunked: The Grand Invitation Matthew 7:24-27

1. **The great decision of life:** Will I _____ of Jesus _____?

Matthew 4:18-22 | Luke 5:27

a. Means making a _____

b. Means becoming a _____ of His ways

c. Means _____ what Jesus says to do

d. Requires _____

2. **Two Stories**

Matthew 6:24-27

a. Everybody _____

b. Everybody _____

Genesis 6:5

c. _____ of the storm will reveal _____ of my life

3. **Jesus' Advice:** _____ before you decide

Luke 14:28

Life Steps

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Monday

Matthew 4:18-22 | Luke 5:27

Reflect: Where are you in the process of becoming a disciple?

Prayer: God of grace, this is what I have been looking for my entire life. Forgive and cleanse me of all my guilt and regret. I want to be a disciple of Jesus.

Tuesday

Matthew 7:24-27

Reflect: What is different and what is the same between the experience of the wise and foolish man in the story? Would you say that you are building your life like the house on the rock, the house on the sand, or somewhere in between? Explain.

Prayer: Forgive my foolish ways, Lord. Help me build my life on your truth and grace.

Wednesday

Matthew 28:16-20

Reflect: What is most difficult for you about being a disciple of Jesus and obeying His teaching? How are you helping others become a disciple?

Prayer: Designer and Creator, in small and large ways, use me as part of your plan in your great world to connect others to you.

Thursday

James 1:22-25

Reflect: What is a time you obeyed God's word and when you strayed from God's teaching? What can you learn from those experiences?

Prayer: All wise and knowing God, show me how I am and how I am not, a disciple of your Son. Practice silent listening and journal what you sense God saying to you.

Friday

Matthew 7:24-27

Reflect: What does the storm represent? What is Jesus communicating about the house that is destroyed? Why do you think some life circumstances help or hurt our ability to follow Jesus's teaching?

Prayer: God of truth and grace, I want a life beyond worry and fear. I want to be a disciple of Jesus.

Saturday

Matthew 8:16 | Mark 9:33-34
Matthew 16:23 | Matthew 17:17 | Matthew 26:34, 40

Reflect: "Being a disciple doesn't mean being a good disciple?" What are your thoughts on this statement? If you have never made a public declaration to follow Jesus, use this QR code, from the baptism card, to get connected so you can discover if baptism is your next step. Our next baptism opportunity is Mother's Day Weekend May 13-14.

Prayer: God, I would rather have Jesus and give up everything else in the world than have everything there is in the world and give up Jesus.

Sunday

Matthew 7:24-27

Reflect: Everybody builds a life. Everybody faces storms. The strength of the storm will reveal the quality of the foundation of your life. Take time to carefully assess the condition of your personal house and its foundation. What needs to be done to prepare for whatever storm may come next?

Prayer: Make a list of all the thoughts, attitudes, and desires you need to surrender to God. God, I accept your grand invitation to be a disciple of your Son, Jesus.