

The House That Rock Built

Matthew 7:24-29

Into the Lesson:

Concerning famous speeches, who gave:

The Gettysburg Address-

The "I Have a Dream" speech-

Or complete this first line, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 is a date..."

Into the Word:

In the introduction to this parable, Lane mentioned the "Sermon on the Mount" is Jesus' most famous sermon (speech). Take some time to reread His whole sermon (Matthew 5-7).

As you read, put a check mark (or raise your right hand if you are in a group of strangers) by every statement Jesus makes that would have had a transformational impact on lives of His hearers.

How can we see in this sermon the:

Illustration-

Explanation-

Application-

Compared to the "sermons" from the scribes and Pharisees, how would this parable have resonated with the people who heard it?

How is it easy to understand why even non-Christians would be, at least, familiar with this teaching?

From Lane's sermon, summarize the "essentials" of this parable.

What part does "hearing" and "acting" play in this teaching?

Respond to Lane's quote, (which I think was worth the price of admission)"...Because to live is to build. Every thought, every word, every deed every, ambition that a person has is building something in the present for the future."

Into Life:

How impact does Matthew 7:13-14 have on your attempts to tell another about Jesus?

What are some of the indications that there is a portion of our culture that seems content to live a life that seems to say, "where I'm headed looks pretty good to me"?

How has "every thought, every word..." had a negative impact on some people we may encounter?

How can we as a church help the young woman who believed the lie of "product of conception" and now realizes the mistake she has made?

How do we reposition the church (but never compromising Truth) to answer those who say, "there is no objective truth" and suggest what we have to say is "hate speech"?

How might social media and *whatever a blog is* provide an opportunity to plant seeds in uncultivated soils (Mark 4:1-8)?

Then how do we bring that person into a personal relationship with Christ and His body?

What would look different in your life and the life of the church if you decided, "I can't sing, I can't teach but I can _____ and I will use that for the Glory of God?"

John 6:29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."