**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

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**The Gospel of Luke**

**Luke 6:46-49 (NIV)**

 46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?

 47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.

 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

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**Q = What does it mean when one says “Jesus Christ is Lord of my life”?**

1. The Lordship of Jesus Christ:
2. Lordship starts with the Governing Authority of God’s Kingdom
* Rules over all of space, time, and all areas of human activity

**Psalms 103:19**

 “The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

1. Lordship is Manifested through Salvation

**Romans 10:9 ((English Standard Version)**

 “Because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

1. Lordships is total surrender to the obedience of God’s Word

**Romans 12:2 (NKJV)**

 “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”

**Proverbs 23:26** (English Standard Version)

 **“**My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.”

* One must have a deep personal conviction
* Without reservation, God becomes Master of the believer’s Life
1. Jesus said **“Why do you call me, Lord, Lord…”**
2. True Believers do not give lip-service

**Why?**

1. Genuine, authentic Faith in Christ produces the good fruit of obedience

**Matthew 7:16-18**

 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

 **18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.**

* False teaching produces bad fruit because our flesh will not come under subjection

**John 15:1-3**

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while he prunes every branch that does bear fruit so that it will be even more fruitful.

 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me

**Q = What does “abide” in the vine mean to you?**

**Q = What does pruning consist of?**

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1. This is a story *[or an illustrative parable]* of two men
* The ***first man*** built his house by digging **“down deep and laid the foundation on the rock”** or a firm foundation
* The house was prepared for flood waters—it withstood it because it was on a firm foundation

**Q = What is a firm foundation for a believer regarding God’s Word?**

 **Give some examples**

**Fill in the blank**: A firm foundation is One who Listens to God’s Word and Act on it.

* The ***second man*** built his house **without a firm foundation.**
* The house was not prepared for the torrent that struck the house— **it collapsed** because it was not on a firm foundation

**Q = What is a soft foundation for a believer regarding God’s Word?**

 **Give some examples**

**Fill in the blank**: A soft foundation is One who Listens to God’s Word and Does not act on it

**Important Points to Remember about God’s Word:**

1. Hearing and reading God’s Word is significant but many people stop there and risk spiritual destruction
* Studying and memorizing God’s Word is not enough—it must be obeyed and applied

**James 1:22-25 (NLT)**

 22 But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

 23 For if you listen to the word and don’t obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror.

 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don’t forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it

 **“When the storms of life come, it’s not merely what you hear but what you do with what you hear that determines how much of Jesus you will experience. The foundation of God’s Word operating in your life will determine the stability of your future—especially when serious trials come your way”**

**Dr. Tony Evans**

**Q = Why is it difficult for people to receive salvation and enter God’s Kingdom?**

**Matthew 13:18-23**

 18 “Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds:

 19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.

 20 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy.

 21 But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word.

 22 The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.

 23 The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

**Home Assignment: Read Luke 7:1-10** “A Centurion’s Servant Is Healed”

\*Why was the Centurion concerned about his servant?

\*How did the Centurion contact Jesus? Was his approach right or wrong?

\*Why do you think Jesus went to the Centurion’s Home?

\*Why was Jesus impressed by the Centurion’s words?