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Matthew 7:24-29

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

Read Matthew 7:24-29.

- ***And for My final thoughts...in conclusion…*** Why do you think Jesus closes The sermon on the Mount with the words from verses 24-29?

Sometimes we read this passage and apply it so generally—"Build your life on Jesus; He's the Rock!" But is that what the message really is?

The key to being "wise" and the point of this final statement is found in verse 24—"puts them into practice." Salvation is free, but to truly experience the Kingdom Life we must actually practice the kind of life Jesus outlines in The Sermon on the Mount.

So...is your house built on the rock? To answer this question, go back to **Matthew 5:21** and work through **7:12** asking yourself if your life is built on rock or sand in each of these areas:

- Murder/Hate—Rock or Sand?
- Adultery/Lust—Rock or Sand?
- Marriage—Rock or Sand?
- Keeping Your Word—Rock or Sand?

Jesus concludes by saying very explicitly—*Hearing is not enough. The key is action, application, doing!*

- Why do you think this is such an important message for American Christ-followers?
- Jesus finishes and we are told He "taught as one who had authority." What does that mean?
- What else about this passage/sermon sparked a reaction from you?
- How will your life change as a result of our time spent focused on The Sermon on the Mount?