

## ***Man vs. Wild (pt 5)*** ***"Kingdom Building"***

### **Matthew 7:21-29**

*<sup>21</sup>"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' <sup>24</sup>"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." <sup>28</sup>When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.*

### **Building Blocks for Kingdom Building...**

#### **PROMISE**

*Rejoice and be glad because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

*Matthew 5:12*

#### **INFLUENCE**

*"The fool says in his heart, There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.*

*Psalms 14:1-3*

## TRUTH

*<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*  
*John 14:6-7*

## ACTION

*<sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*  
*Matthew 6:33*

### **How to build God's Kingdom...**

Jesus said, make it your ambition to FOLLOW ME

*<sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup>If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup>his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. <sup>14</sup>If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. <sup>15</sup>If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. <sup>16</sup>Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?*

*1 Corinthians 3:11-16*

### **Sermon Based Small Group Questions**

1. Of all the home improvement projects you've ever been involved with - what's your favorite and what's been your least favorite? Explain.
2. Not everyone who claims to be a Christian is. Read Matthew 7:21-29 and discuss how you can tell the difference between someone who says they're a Christian and someone who Jesus says is?
3. There were four building blocks talked about in the message which come from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Which of these four do you find it easiest to build your life on? Hardest? Explain.
4. Building our lives on the solid rock of Jesus' teaching competes with what the world's teaching today. What worldview teaching(s) are the most difficult to overcome and why?
5. It's been said, "Knowledge is power." But some have responded to this 'truth' saying, "Knowledge plus action is power." How are you planning to apply the knowledge learned from Jesus' teaching in your life?