



## ***Be a Wise Builder! – Matthew 7:24-29***

*“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.*

*- Charles Spurgeon*

### **1. Review the Blueprints...or Don't**

Scripture... Matthew 5-7

### **2. Trust the Architect...or Don't**

Scripture... Proverbs 3:5-6; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Psalms 37:5

### **3. Start Digging...or Don't**

Scripture... Luke 6:46-49; James 1:22-25; Joshua 1:8; Romans 2:13

### **4. Enjoy His Blessings...or Don't**

Scripture... Deuteronomy 28:1-14

# Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? *...be descriptive!*
  
2. If the blessings for being wise and the consequences for being foolish are so well laid out in the scriptures, what is it that can keep us from putting this knowledge into action?
  - Share with your group a time when you distinctly remember choosing to be a "doer of the word" and the blessings you received from the Lord because of your obedience.
  
3. What are some examples of "sand" in our lives that we might be tempted to build upon instead of the solid foundation of Christ?
  - How can we support and encourage one another in our journey to build our lives on the rock-solid foundation of Christ and avoid the "sand"?
  
4. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life? How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

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Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests and/or Praise Reports with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

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How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)