

## Investment > Quick Fix

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### Opening Prayer:

We have come together to share, to grow and to change.

May we all feel safe with each other. Safe to explore the scriptures and question. Safe to consider new ideas.

Safe to share our lives with each other, and with our amazing God. Amen.

### Quote:

*Earn as much as you can, save as much as you can, invest as much as you can, give as much as you can.* John Wesley

### Breaking the Ice:

Have you ever built a new house? If so, what was your favorite part? If not, would you want to? Why or why not?

### Wrestling with the Word:

Read Matthew 7:24-27

- What differentiates the wise man from the foolish man in Jesus' teaching?
- What does having a good foundation look like and act like?
- Jesus calls us to hear his words and do them. What keeps us from hearing and obeying the words of Jesus?
- Matthew 5-7 is categorized as the Sermon on the Mount. Glance over the various topics Jesus discusses and ask why is this parable a fitting end to the Sermon on the Mount?

### Next Steps:

- In what ways is "living out our lives" like "building a house"? What is the purpose of a foundation?
- Nobody sets out to build their life on sand, but so many still do. How do so many well-intentioned people end up in a place where their lives collapse in the storm?
- Where have you intentionally invested in "building" something of value in your life? Where have you seen your church invest in something of worth?
- This has been a difficult year, with many unexpected challenges. How do you need to continue to prepare to weather storms of life? How might your church need to do the same?

### Prayer for the Week:

Dear Jesus, we thank you for the stable foundation that you have set for us. Keep our eyes focused on the good investments you offer us rather than the easy quick fix, so that we can withstand the trials that will come our way. In all that we do let us do it in a way that brings glory to you. Amen.