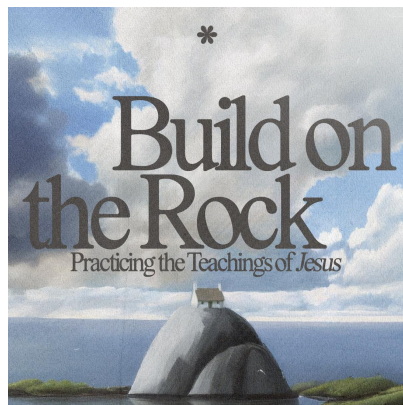




The Speck in Your Eye - Stef Rohler

Icebreaker:

1. What is your favorite app?
2. If animals could talk, what species do you think would be the rudest?

Summary:

Jesus teaches about judging others, and urges us to not judge as a way to build a firm foundation. Why does judging others erode our own foundation? What practices can we put in place instead?

Engage the Bible:

- Matthew 7:1-5; John 8:3-11; Romans 8:35;37-39

Small Group Questions:

- What is the difference between practicing something and putting it into practice? Why do you think Jesus uses the phrase “puts them into practice” in Matthew 7:24?
- We all have our things that bother us or that we judge. What are some things that you see as specs in other people’s eyes? Why do those things cause you to judge, but not other things?
- Why do we see specs in other people’s eyes but not the planks in our own?
- In the story of the woman caught in adultery, the accusers were pretty fired up to stone the woman to death. Why do you think they changed their mind? What things would make it hard to stand down in this situation?
- How does judging others lead to your own foundation crumbling? Opposite question. In what ways does withholding judgment strengthen your foundation?
- Jesus says “by the measure you use, so you will be judged.” Who is it that judges you by the measure you use? What is the measure that Jesus uses to judge us?
- In what ways does social media influence the judging of others? What repercussions do we see in our world today because of that?
- When Jesus says get the plank out of your own eye and then see to the spec in your brother’s eye, what do you really think he wants you to do?