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After the 11am service
on the patio



Veterans Celebration
FREE Concert & Lunch

Date: Saturday October 14th

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Awaken Las Vegas

7175 W. Oquendo Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89113

Please RSVP using the QR code
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REACHING THE CULTURE

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WHO'S WORDS WILL YOU BUILD ON?
MATTHEW 7:24-27

WEEK 2

**Holiness isn't just about the quality of your worship
It's also about the quality of your testimony.**

There is power in words. Words can build up and tear down. They have brought peace to warring nations and brought nations to war that were once at peace. Words have initiated civil rights movements, brought about the collapse of countries, and created ideologies upon which countries have been built. Words have warmed hearts at wedding ceremonies and destroyed lives in divorce courts. They have strengthened a child's confidence and left children wounded into adulthood. Words are powerful, and they shape your life. Every life is built on someone's words.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus makes a stunning claim. He says that a strong life that can endure adversity and storms is built by obeying His words. Jesus didn't simply claim to help people have a better life; He claimed to be the giver of life. He didn't talk about the resurrection; He claimed to be the resurrection. He didn't claim to know some things about God; He claimed to be the Son of God and the Way to God. Jesus's words are worthy for you to build your life on.

Whose words are you building your life on, and what claims have they made? Because no claims are greater than Christ's, and no one has the power to fulfill them like He does.

(10 min) PRAY

Ask God to permeate your time with His presence. Pray this as a group: Ephesians 1:17-20 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places.

(25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them

1. Considering how deceitful our adversary is, we must be discerning and remember that he will seek to influence people to live apart from dependence upon God. Where is he most influential in his deception today in your life and society? How can the church bring the truth of Christ and His love to people who have been deceived?
2. Based on the Sermon on the Mount, describe how we build our lives on the words of Jesus. Give specific examples of how you do that in your life. Discuss which words of Christ we build our lives on. Why do some people pick and choose? Do we have the freedom to do that? Explain your answer
3. Jesus makes extraordinary claims, and He promises to do beautiful things in the lives of those who believe in Him. The church is the living evidence of the power of Christ's words and claims. Does your life reflect that? Does your Life Group reflect that? Does your church reflect that? List some positive examples. And list some instances where there could be growth. Remember, the purpose of constructive criticism isn't to tear down but to build up.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: **John 8:31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Pray for the next 15-20 minutes as a Life Group. Ask God for a renewed commitment to His truth. Ask for a sincere passion to follow Christ, to believe and obey what He has said. Pray that from the overflow of God's presence in your life, you will have opportunities to share the love of Christ in word and deed with those who don't believe in Him. Ask that he will give you discernment when speaking to them. That He would show you exactly what needs to be said.

(5 min) LIVE IT

Based on the study, be faithful to obey the words of Christ this week. Pray that God would give you at least one encounter with someone who hasn't believed in Jesus. Lovingly, share with them how He has changed your life. Share the truth claims that Jesus made, as God leads you. And be bold to invite them to trust in Jesus, to believe in His words, and to follow Him.

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Tim Keller "How to Reach the West Again"

Michael Goheen "The Church and Its Vocation - Leslie Newbiggin's Missional Ecclesiology"

Mark Sayers "The Disappearing Church"

Andy Crouch "Culture - Making Recovering Our Creative Calling"

Mary Eberstadt "How the West Was Really Lost"