

FOUNDATIONS

BUILDING A SOLID FAITH

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LETTER FROM KURT

In a world filled with constant change and conflicting voices, it is easy to feel unsettled in what we believe and how we should live. However, Jesus reminds us that the wise person is the one who hears His words and puts them into practice, creating a life that can withstand any storm.

This thirteen-week series is about the Foundations of our faith and is designed to help us find solid ground in a shifting world. Over the next thirteen weeks, we will start wide by exploring the core basics of our faith: the authority of the Bible, the nature of the Trinity, the reality of sin, and the definition of true faith. As we progress, we will narrow our focus to our personal response to these truths and, finally, discover our unique calling as followers of Jesus Christ.

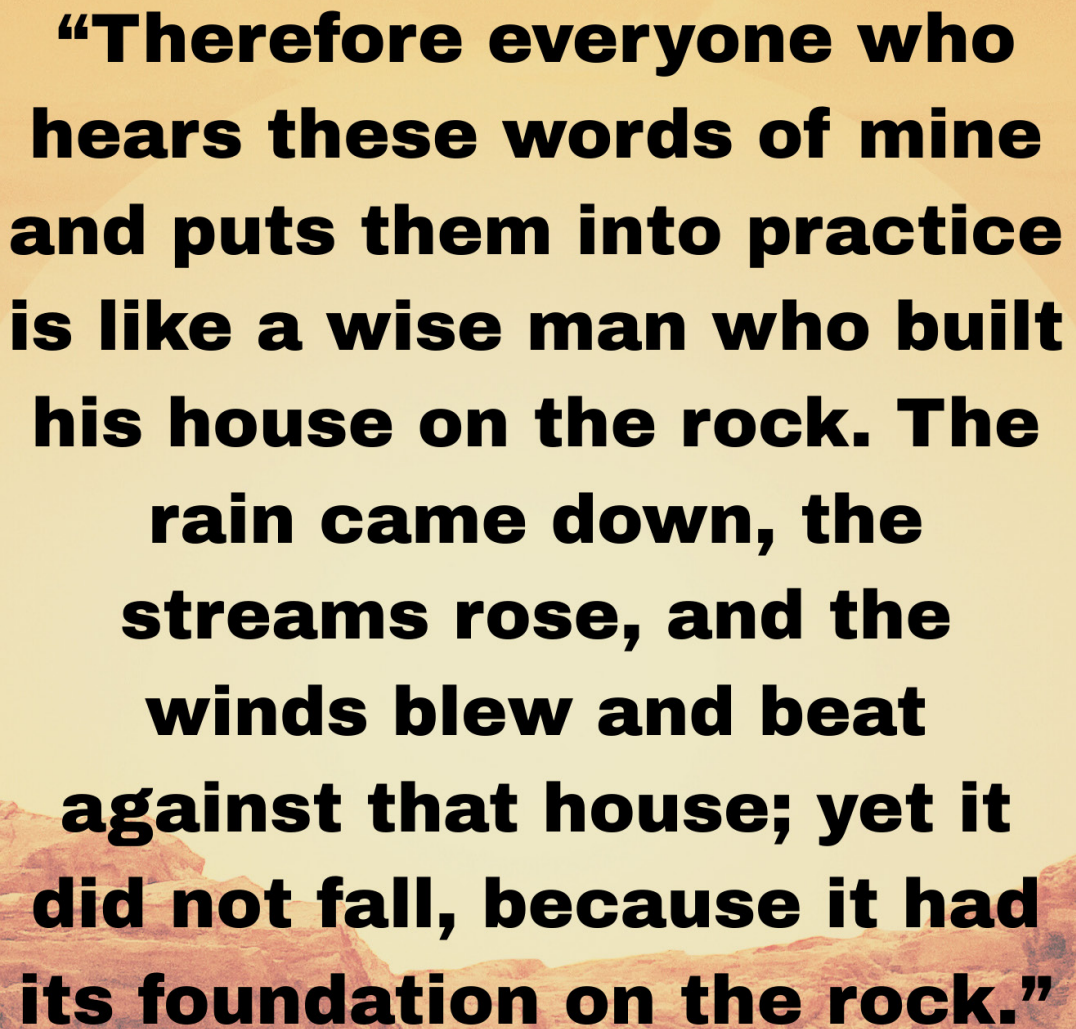
In this second workbook, we get a little more personal. After we understand who God is, we must have a response to what He wants for us. He has offered us salvation through His son, Jesus. He wants us to respond through repentance, baptism, and obedience. We are called be connected to other believers as we serve and sacrifice for the church. God expects us to be good stewards of what He has entrusted us with. Finally, He wants us to have a genuine relationship where everything we do results in worship and praise to Him.

It is my prayer that this journey will move you beyond mere head knowledge and into a life of active obedience. May these discussions strengthen your foundation and refresh your soul as you build a faith that is solid, unmovable, and deeply rooted in Christ.
in Christ.

May God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt Charlton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kurt Charlton
Lead Minister



“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. 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.”

Matthew 7:24-25 [NIV]

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The purpose of this guide is to help you dive deeper into our sermon series.

Sermon Notes

Bring this workbook to church each Sunday. As you listen to the sermon, make a note when you hear something that surprises you, intrigues you, bothers you, challenges you, or encourages you. Use this as a starting point for your group discussion.

Connection Questions

These questions will help you and your group members become more comfortable with talking and sharing with each other. Not only will you learn more about one another, the questions will help to steer the discussion in the direction of the topic.

Core Questions

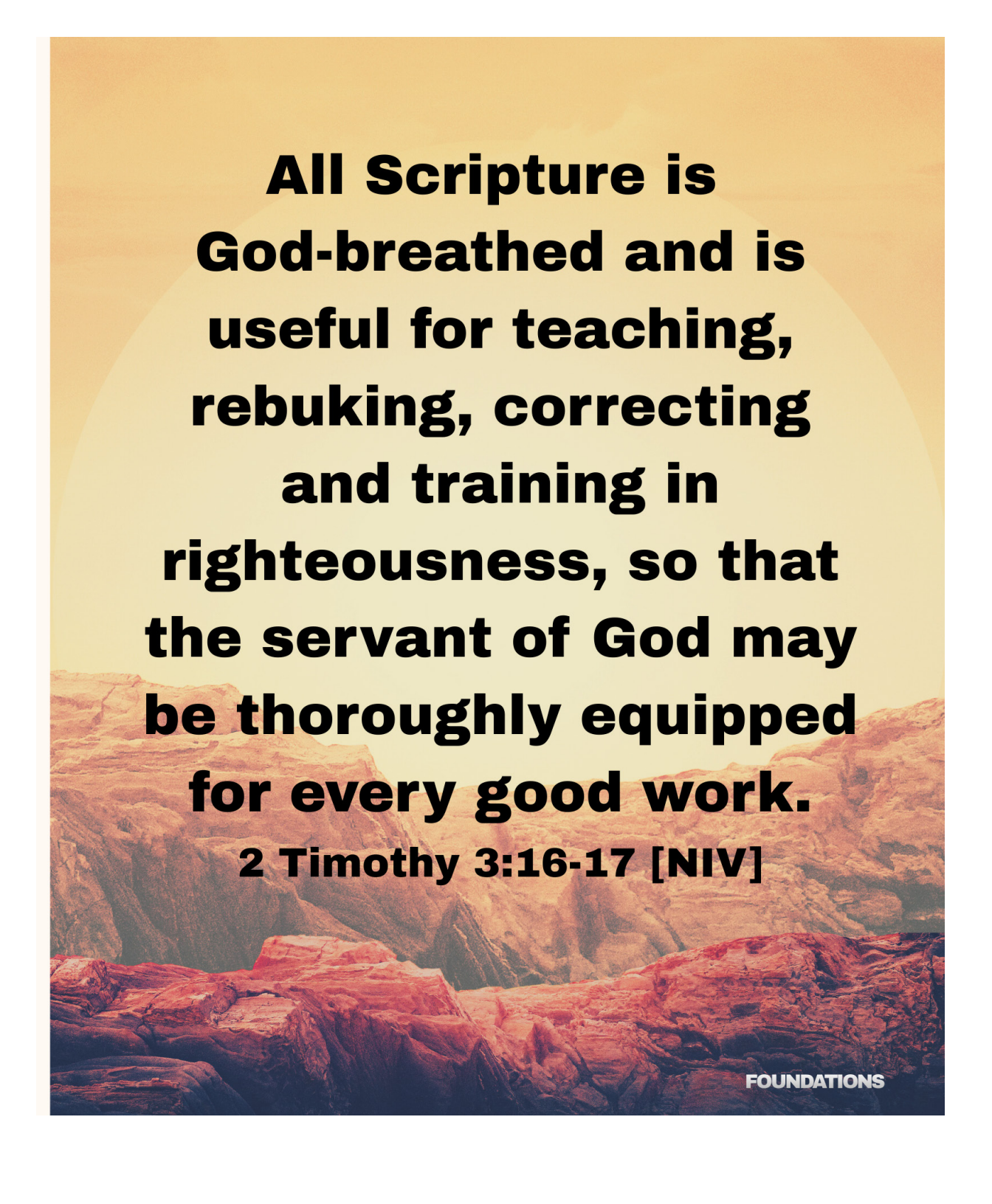
These questions are the "meat" of the discussion and will point back to the sermon each week. Feel free to read and answer the questions before your group meets. They will also help you dig deeper into the Scriptures during your group discussions.

Change Questions

Conviction leads people to significant actions. At the end of Jesus' most famous sermon, he says if you do not put his words into practice, then you are a fool [Matthew 7:24-27]. Life transformation is the ultimate goal of a follower of Christ. This happens through personal reflection and a genuine response to what you have heard from God. Feel free to answer the questions out loud when your leader reads them, or you can quietly reflect and write a response in your workbook. This is the time to go deep and make it personal.

Care Questions

Please focus this time on your own personal praises and requests instead of listing all of the bad things that happened to someone you know. We challenge you to get "deep" with one another relationally, which means becoming a little bit vulnerable as you are honest with one another.



**All Scripture is
God-breathed and is
useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting
and training in
righteousness, so that
the servant of God may
be thoroughly equipped
for every good work.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 [NIV]

MARCH 1 - SALVATION

John 3:16; Romans 6:23

Connect Questions

(Points forward to the topic. Helps people become more comfortable with talking and sharing.)

- 1. What is something you restored and re-used instead of throwing it away?**
- 2. What is something you purchased that was supposed to be unbreakable or fail-proof. How did it turn out?**
- 3. When have you saved someone or been saved from significant harm?**

Core Questions

(Points back to the sermon. Heart of the discussion and digs deeper into Scripture.)

- 1. Read Colossians 2:13-15. What do we need to be saved from? Why do we need to realize this?**

7. **How would you describe the term Sanctification? Why do we need to understand this part of our salvation? [See Philippians 2:12-13]**

8. **How would you describe the term Glorification? Why do we need to understand this part of our salvation? [See Philippians 3:20-21]**

Change Questions

(Points to application and personal reflection. Encourage people to answer out loud or internally.)

1. **Based on John 3:16, how would you describe salvation to someone who had never heard about it?**

2. **Why did you make the decision to be saved? What makes you continue to make that decision each day?**

3. **What do you need to work on in your salvation process?**

Care Questions

(Points to one another and God. Try to focus on personal praises/requests of people in the group.)

1. **What is going on in your life?**

2. **What are you struggling with that we can pray for?**

3. **What are some ways God is blessing you?**

6. **How would you describe the significance and importance of baptism to someone else? What would you say baptism is NOT to be done for?**

Change Questions

(Points to application and personal reflection. Encourage people to answer out loud or internally.)

1. **Have you made the decision to follow Jesus and be baptized? If not, what are you waiting for [Acts 22:16]?**
2. **What have you learned about baptism that gives you reassurance of your faith?**
3. **How will you reconfirm your decision to be baptized by remaining faithful to following Jesus every day?**

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7. **The second half of our mission is to lead people to love “our church, and others.” How does loving our specific church family prepare us to love the people in our community?**

Change Questions

(Points to application and personal reflection. Encourage people to answer out loud or internally.)

1. **Is there a "non-essential" opinion or preference that you need to hold more loosely for the sake of unity in the church?**
2. **Of the four pillars of devotion in the early church [biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer], which ones do you need to improve on?**
3. **Of the four parts of our mission [Jesus, Bible, Church, Others], which one do you feel the most passionate about right now, and which one needs more of your attention?**

Care Questions

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1. **What is going on in your life?**
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7. **On the surface, this parable deals with money and investments. In what other ways do you think we should be good stewards with what God has entrusted to us?**

Change Questions

(Points to application and personal reflection. Encourage people to answer out loud or internally.)

1. **Which area of your life, time, talent, or treasure, feels most "buried" or underutilized right now?**
2. **What gifts, abilities, and blessings are you currently using to serve MCC and Kingdom? What can we celebrate?**
3. **How can you specifically steward what God has entrusted you with so you may be called "good and faithful"?**

Care Questions

(Points to one another and God. Try to focus on personal praises/requests of people in the group.)

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MARCH 29 - WORSHIP

Romans 12:1

Connect Questions

(Points forward to the topic. Helps people become more comfortable with talking and sharing.)

1. **What was the first musical album you ever purchased or the first professional concert you ever attended, and what made that experience so memorable for you?**
2. **If you could meet any person in the world, who would it be? How would you prepare?**
3. **What hobbies do you sacrifice your time, energy, and money for? What reward do you get to make it feel worth it?**

Core Questions

(Points back to the sermon. Heart of the discussion and digs deeper into Scripture.)

1. **Read Psalm 95:6. Why is it important to view worship as a physical posture?**

2. **Read Romans 12:1. What does it mean to be a "living sacrifice" in your daily life?**

Change Questions

(Points to application and personal reflection. Encourage people to answer out loud or internally.)

1. **What is one way you can improve your personal worship time this week?**
2. **Is there a priority in your life that is currently receiving more of your attention or sacrifice than God is?**
3. **What are some mundane tasks you can perform for the glory of God this week?**

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ADDITIONAL NOTES



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