

Luke 6:43-49

A Foundation For Life

READ Luke 6:43-49 and James 1:22-25 **LISTEN** to Pastor Andrew Edmonds' [sermon](#).

After a quake or storm there's a lot of *assessment* to do. Just as we check buildings, and houses for signs of damage and cracks we also need to check ourselves. Now is the time to *repair and rebuild* our foundations as we assess the condition of our lives and those around us. Are our foundations strong and built on the right material? Through our passage this week we learn that to build your life with a *firm foundation* you need *to listen well to Jesus to live well for Jesus*.

Main lesson: People can have a *firm foundation for life* through a heart that hears and responds to Jesus in *faithfulness and fruitfulness*.

Questions:

1. What is being implied when Jesus links fruit to people (Luke 6:43-44)? What is our 'fruit' exactly?
2. See Luke 6:43. How much 'bad fruit' would a person have to bear before we should doubt his or her salvation?
3. What is meant by being a 'Fruit Inspector'? What is required in your life before you can help others? Do you have to be free from faults? (Luke 6:42)
4. What does Luke 6:46 suggest about some of the people claiming to follow or know Jesus as Lord?

5. Refer to Luke 6:47–49. Times of hard testing and the day of judgement will reveal what kind of a house we have built. How do we see this also when we are in moments of crisis?

6. What do your words and actions reveal about you (Luke 6:45 and James 1:22-25)?

7. What is the essential difference between the two people being described with metaphors in the passage? Contrast their futures?

8. Try to imagine the people hearing the sermon on the plain, what do you think would have been the response of those gathered? How do you respond?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: *God for giving us a Kingdom in Christ that cannot be shaken, so we can offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe (Hebrews 12:28).*

Confess: *of moments when you have sought to build your life on man-made beliefs, philosophy and systems rather than Jesus teaching and counsel of God (Word).*

Pray: *For each other to walk in Jesus, rooted and built up in Jesus, by being established in the faith, through teaching that results in thanksgiving (Colossians 2:6–7)*