Family Meeting

Shepherds · Matthew 7:24–27

INTRODUCTION

- Our faith, our hope, our eternity, our daily living, and our church family here at South Bumby are all built on a foundation.
- When you don't get the foundation right, of course, everything else suffers.

1 Constant Reminder of the Foundational Things

Hebrews 11:6; 2 Peter 1:5–7; Matthew 7:24–27

- Hebrews 11 6 tells us that without faith it is impossible to please God.
- We must be reminded of the foundational things of our faith.
- The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall. For it was founded on the rock.
- The who and what our faith is built on or is being built on is of utmost importance.

2 Our Foundation Is Built on Jesus and His Word

- The second thing it's important that our foundation is built on Jesus and his word.
- We need to look to God's word always to find out and determine who is it we're supposed to be, what are our priorities supposed to be, how do we live our lives?
- We can only establish our foundation on Jesus Christ and His written word, the Bible.

3 Elders Hold Fast the Faithful Word

Titus 1:9–16; Acts 20:28; 2 Timothy 2:19

- We're instructed as the elders to hold fast the faithful word as he has been taught.
- So we the elders have to make sure that everyone who professes to know God does his will and not their own.
- These wolves will not always look threatening. In fact, there will be times when these wolves actually look enticing.
- The solid foundation of God stands, having this seal, the Lord knows those who are his, and let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.
- Yes, the Lord's body meeting here at South Bumby, I believe has a firm spiritual foundation.

4 Pointing Our Kids to Jesus

- Parents, are you praying with your kids? Are you spending time reading God's word together?
- The most important thing is pointing our kids to Jesus.
- We as parents, the most we can do is point them to Jesus. Because we might be further along the way, but they have to answer for themselves.

- Let us not forget the most important thing is helping them get to heaven. And that starts at the home.

5 Self-Examination That Leads to Action

2 Corinthians 13:5; James 1:22; Romans 12:10–13

- Ability without availability is worthless to God.
- Second Corinthians 13 5 tells us we need to test, we need to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith.
- James 1 22 tells us to be doers, not just hearers of the word.
- If we say we're anchored, if we say we have a firm foundation, we will be doing things.
- Not being honest in our self-evaluations that we talked about a minute ago. That can be a hindrance because we're going to get a false picture and a false perspective.

6 Let Love Be Without Hypocrisy

Romans 12:9

- Let love be without hypocrisy. Check your heart, search your heart.
- If we're going to carry the name Christian, we need to conform our lives to the way Christ was.
- Jesus being the cornerstone, he was love. And that should be our cornerstone as well.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But why do you call me Lord, and do not do the things which I say?**

MY NOTES