



# LOOKING FORWARD

Matthew 7:24-27

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**1. Evaluate** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.24,26)

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24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." (ESV)

**2. Expect** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.25a,27a)

**3. Experience** \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.25b,27b)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit [compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups](http://compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups) or email us at [info@compasshillcountry.org](mailto:info@compasshillcountry.org).*

1. Read Romans 2:13, John 14:15 and Matthew 7:21–23. How do these verses connect the unmistakable reality that a relationship with God requires constant obedience to God? How would you articulate the necessity of obedience to God as the fruit of salvation?
2. Read Matthew 5:45 and Luke 6:46–49. What are some practical steps you can take now to prepare for the inevitable storms that will come in 2022?
3. Read Isaiah 26:3 and Romans 5:1–5. Peace does not wane with the arrival of trials. As a matter of fact, peace should be magnified in the trials of life. What are some other passages of scripture that show how God's peace is present with his obedient children?
4. We participated in the Lord's Supper for the first time as a church on Sunday. This is one of only two ordinances given to us by Christ that we must do as a church, the other is baptism. Let's survey a couple of the important aspects of communion. Read 1 Corinthians 10:16–17 and discuss how the Lord's Supper is a commitment to unity within the church? Read Luke 22:19–20. Like the Passover, the Lord's supper is connected to the sacrifice of a living thing (in our case Christ) as the substitute for our iniquities. How does Jesus portray the bread (his body) and the cup (his blood) to what he was about to do on behalf of sinful humanity? Finally, read 1 Corinthians 11:23–32. How does the Lord's supper keep us focused on God's will and accountable to obedience to Christ?

*This Week's  
Bible Reading Schedule*

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Genesis 3-5 & Mt. 2*

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Genesis 6-8 & Mt. 3*

**January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*Genesis 9-11 & Mt. 4*

**January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Genesis 12-14 & Mt. 5:1-26*

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*Genesis 15-17 & Mt. 5:27-48*

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Genesis 18-19 & Mt. 6*

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Genesis 20-22 & Mt. 7*

**January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
*Genesis 23-24 & Mt. 8*