



SESSION #6

LUKE 6:46-49

LEADER GUIDE

BIG IDEA: HEARING AND OBEYING JESUS PRESERVES US IN HARD TIMES

Group Time:

- What are you most hopeful will happen in your life in the next 20 years?
- What are you most afraid will happen in your life in the next 20 years?
- Are there any lingering questions from the sermon you still wonder about? Any new thoughts that you had?

Bible Time:

- **Ask:** Why should we follow traffic laws?
- **Leader Note:** We think we need to follow traffic laws to avoid tickets and fines. Really, the traffic laws are designed to get you where you need to go faster and safer. Who would want to live in a world where every intersection was a free-for-all? It would take forever to get to work! And how dangerous would it be if you never knew which side of the road people were going to drive on?

Similarly, following Jesus' teaching doesn't only keep us out hell, but can have some very positive benefits.

- **Ask:** What are the conditions that make the difference between the two foundations? Which of those two conditions is easier to do: hearing or obeying? How can someone become better at hearing and obeying Jesus? According to verses 46-49, why should we follow Jesus' teachings? What are some negative things we avoid? What are some positive things we gain?
- **Big Idea:** Hearing and obeying Jesus' commands will allow us to avoid the destruction that comes when a disobedient life is struck by catastrophe. These two also allow us to be safe and secure even in the midst of disaster.
- **Ask:** Can you recall a time when you watched someone very close to you go through a terrible situation? How did their relationship to Jesus affect their experience in that terrible time? What did you learn by watching them go through the difficulty?
- **Ask:** In this parable, who has to suffer through disaster?
- **Leader Note:** It may be important in your group to point out that tragedy befalls the wicked and the righteous (Lk 13:1-5). God promises us security and peace in the next life, but we - like Jesus - remain subject to the effects of sin in this life. Being a Christ follower doesn't mean it



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becomes easy.

- **Do:** Pick one of the “biggest fears” from the Group Time questions. Ask the group to come up with two lists - how someone who’s living obediently to Jesus might respond to that disaster, and how someone who’s ignoring Jesus might respond to that disaster.
- **Leader Note:** (If there’s time, your group can do a second “biggest fear.”)
- **Ask:** If a ‘flood’ of disaster - your biggest fear - hit your life right now, would your ‘house’ stand secure because you’re obeying Jesus, or would it be washed away? In light of your answer what do you need to do?
- **Do:** On the Student’s Guide, ask each group member to write the biggest way (out of the five past lessons) they can more fully obey Jesus in order to shore up their “spiritual foundation.” Also ask members to write two concrete steps that can be taken to help them follow through on this goal.

Group Time:

- **Pray:** The leader should open up prayer for the group and ask another to close the time. Ask each person in the group to pray one thing they are thankful for from this group. Have them pray in a short sentence like, “Lord I am grateful for how the group was _____.”
- Do:** Discuss the future of your group – disbanding, continuing, resuming at a later date, or otherwise.