



Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	04-10-2026	Parables 1: Good foundations
 Nibbles <i>whilst you wait</i>	☐ When did you last build a sandcastle? Where were you? Describe it. Where is that sandcastle now?	
 Starters <i>discussion</i>	☐ Why do wise builders ensure a 'new build' property has good foundations? ☐ When building a property, why is it tempting to not spend as much time/ effort/ money on foundations? (typically 8-15% of construction time/ costs) ☐ What are the 'tell tell' signs that a property might have weak foundations? ☐ What can you do to rectify/ strengthen foundations?	
 Read	Matthew 7:24-29	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Mains <i>Bible study</i>	☐ v.24 : How do <i>we/you</i> hear what Jesus says? What does it mean to truly <i>hear</i> Jesus? Is it audible? What's easier, <i>hearing</i> or <i>doing</i> what Jesus says? Why is living the Jesus way like building a property on rock? Read also James 1:22-25 . ☐ v.25 : What might the ' <i>rain</i> ', ' <i>streams</i> ' & ' <i>wind</i> ' represent for <i>us/you</i> ? Why is it wise to build a property with solid foundations? What are solid foundations for the Christian life? ☐ v.26 : Why might a beach house be appealing? Why is it <i>foolish</i> to build on sand? How are some Christian's faith built on ' <i>sand</i> '? ☐ v.27 : Why might lack of foundations be the reason why some people's faith collapses when trouble, temptation, or testing comes their way? ☐ v.28-29 : Why were people amazed by what Jesus said? What did Jesus do that the religious elite didn't? Why is <i>Jesus</i> the foundations. Read John 14:6	
 Sides <i>for interest</i>	☐ What are good foundations for a person new to Christian faith? ☐ What are good ways to help people build their faith on <i>solid</i> foundations? ☐ How do we ensure foundations are all about Jesus and grace, not our own self-righteousness/ works/ law?	
 Desserts <i>for reflection</i>	☐ Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? ☐ Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? ☐ How <i>deep</i> are your spiritual foundations?	
 Do	☐ If your foundations need strengthening, consider attending Alpha: discover the essentials of the Christian Way. ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Alpha	

 Pray	
 My questions:	

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