Sermon: Rooted In Christ, Our Firm Foundation

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OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Think about Jesus' parable of the two builders. What storms are you facing lately that are potentially shaking your foundation? Where in the past have you seen the storms of your life reveal that Christ is your foundation?
- b) Think about Jesus' parable of the tree and fruit. In what ways does your life bear the fruit of faith in Christ? Where do you see the fruit of faith in the lives of the other small group members?

Scripture: Luke 6:43-49.

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read Philippians 1:6 and 2:12-13. As we think about building our house on solid ground, why is it so important to know that God is the one doing the work in us (Ph. 1:6, 2:13).

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) In what way does Luke 6:48 describe Christ and his cross? What foundation was Jesus' "house" built upon that allowed him to withstand the raging flood? In what ways do we have that same foundation in Christ?

APPLICATION

- a) "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." Think about the words you've used today. What sort of heart did they reveal?
- b) What's the difference between "trying harder" to bear the fruit of obedience and the fruit of obedience that comes from faith? Has your fruit been from trying harder or from faith?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his ongoing formation work in your life.
- Confess ways that you have founded your life on things other than faith in Christ.
- Thank Jesus for withstanding the flood of the cross for you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to bear fruit in your life by faith in Christ.