**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**Connect:**

* *As you enter a New Year, what prayers, hopes, dreams, expectations, or resolutions do you have for 2019?*
* *What insight, observations, or questions did you have from this Sunday’s sermon?*

**Dig Deeper:**

**Read Matthew 7:12-27.**

* *Who is Jesus talking to as he gives these parables? What groups of people do you see him mention?*
* *As Jesus concludes his Sermon on the Mount, he gives us three examples: Two Roads, Two Trees, Two House Builders. How do these three parables compare to each other? What is the simple truth Jesus is trying to teach in each of these three parables?*
* *How are the wise and foolish described in each of the three parables? How were the wise and foolish defined in this week’s sermon? (See notes.) What is the eventual outcome for the wise and foolish? How do you think those hearing Jesus responded?*

**Make It Personal:**

* *Read 1 Corinthians 1:20-31. Why does the wisdom of God seem foolish to our world? Do you ever find it easier to seek and follow the world’s wisdom against God’s wisdom?*
* *In your own story with God when have you found yourself relying on God’s wisdom against the world’s wisdom? What was the outcome***?**
* *What steps are you taking personally to build your life on God’s wisdom?*
* *What is one take away from this week’s study that you will commit to place into action?*

**Upcoming at Wave**

**STARTING POINT | JAN. 6th**

Starting Point is our “You Are Here” sign at Wave, and the next one will be **today** right after church! Starting point is an informal “Introduction to Wave” lunch where you will meet other newcomers to Wave, our Wave Pastors, and hear about the story and heart of our church. More importantly, Starting Point is designed to make it easy for you to connect and navigate the next steps to Connect, Grow and Serve at Wave. Lunch is provided for the whole family!

**LIFE GROUPS ARE STARTING | JAN. 6th**

At Wave, our Life Groups are key to building significant Christian relationships and growing closer to God. The majority of our groups are sermon-based, discussing the previous weekend's message. We also have targeted groups for men and women. Life Groups require a ten-week commitment and are comprised of 10 to 16 people. They meet weekly at various locations, days, and times to share, study God's Word, and build relationships. Interested in Joining a life group? Just fill out a life group card in your bulletin and drop it in the communication card and offering box in the box and we will contact you.

**JOIN A SERVE TEAM TODAY**

At Wave Church SD, we deeply value serving one another.
We believe that God designed every person with unique talents and gifts specifically so we can use them to serve Him and others. One
way to fulfill God’s purpose for your life is to discover a place to serve within the church. We currently have need in our children’s ministry and set up ministries. For more information please fill out a communication card and check ***‘I want to find a place to serve.’***

**WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill
out your communication card and write ***‘Newsletter’*** to get
a weekly email update from Wave!

**HOME IMPROVEMENT | GOOD BONES**

**WAVE CHURCH SD | JAN. 6, 2019**

**Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV)** *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. 25And 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. 26And 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. 27And 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.”*

YOUR FOUNDATION MATTERS.

* + WISDOM = THE ABILITY TO TAKE DIVINE TRUTH AND APPLY IT

**Proverbs 13:1 (ESV)** *A wise son heeds his father’s instruction, but a mocker does not respond to rebukes.*

**Proverbs 1:5-7 (ESV)**  *5 Let the wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance 6 by exploring the meaning in these proverbs and parables, the words of the wise and their riddles. 7Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

* + FOOL = HAVING DIVINE TRUTH, BUT DOING NOTHING WITH IT.

**Proverbs 12:15 (ESV)** *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.*

**Luke 6:46-49 (ESV)** *46“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? 47Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: 48he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. 49But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”*

IT COSTS TIME TO LAY OUR FOUNDATION.

**Matthew 7:13-14 (The Message)** “*Don’t look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don’t fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.*

HURRY TEMPTS US TO TAKE SHORTCUTS
IN LAYING OUR FOUNDATION.

YOUR FOUNDATION MUST BE FORMED
BEFORE THE STORM COMES.

**Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)** *35On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” 36And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”*

STORMPROOF YOUR FOUNDATION FOR 2019

* + START A BIBLE READING PLAN: <https://my.bible.com>
	+ DEVOTE DAILY TIME WITH JESUS
	+ JOIN A LIFE GROUP