

**Lessons from a hill**  
**“Living The Way”**  
**W/C 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

I have been a Christian for over 30 years. In that time, I have heard thousands of sermons, and preached a fair few of them. I have been to conferences, seminars and sat in countless Bible studies. The question I ask myself is a question we all need to ask ourselves, how much of what we have heard, been challenged by, and studied, have we put into practice? It challenges me that as a follower of Jesus, I will one day stand before God and I won't be asked to take an exam of how much I know of the Bible, but be asked what I did with what I knew - did I live it out? The early followers of Jesus were called followers of “The Way”. They followed Jesus and his way because he was “The Way”. So, putting this in the first person, do I know the way, even teach the way, but not live the way?

**Welcome:**

**Worship:** Spend some time in worship. Plan an act of worship that is appropriate to your group.

**Word:** Looking at God's word together:

**Read Matthew 7:13-29**  
**(Focussing on verses 24-29)**

1. What are the similarities and differences between the two builders in the story?
2. Some say that the builders represent Christians & Non-Christians. Do you think that claim can be substantiated from this text?
3. What does the foundation built on rock represent? What are we actually meant to build on?
4. What does the foundation on sand represent? Why is this foundation so weak?
5. What are the areas that need strengthening in your life? To put it a different way, what teaching of Jesus have you been resisting and need to put into practice?

6. Jesus taught with an authority unlike the religious leaders, what does it mean to teach with authority?
7. How does/should that authority determine how we live in the way of Jesus?

**Witness:** Why is it inadequate to describe the Sermon on the Mount simply as “good moral teaching”?

**Prayer:**

- Pray that God will continue to build his holy character in your life.
- Pray for the witness of the church.
- Pray for those on the mission field.
- Pray for the Fun Day planned for 13<sup>th</sup> July.