

Obedience: A Christ-Centered Foundation

Luke 6:46-49 ▪ Sunday, May 11, 2025 ▪ Brad Manley

The Problem of _____ (46)

The Peril of _____ (49)

The Prospect of _____ (47-48)

Luke 6:46-49

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ he 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. ⁴⁹ But 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." (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: Have you ever built or fixed or prepared for something that required a “strong foundation”? What did you learn from that experience?

Read & Discuss: Luke 6:46-49

1. In verse 46, Jesus indicates that calling Him “Lord” should result in obeying Him. What are some reasons, both internal and external, that might lead someone to acknowledge Jesus as Lord with their words but not consistently follow His teachings?
2. What are some recent examples of you taking the Lordship of Jesus seriously? What are some things that you know Jesus would now call you to do that you find difficult?
3. Jesus uses the imagery of the structure of a house to stress the importance of obedience. In verse 48, when Jesus speaks of flood waters coming against the house, what might He be referring to? How is obedience to Jesus like a solid foundation of a building?
4. Jesus’ analogy in these verses portrays obedience as an act of building (v. 48). What is it that we’re building through our obedience? How could this serve to motivate us in following Jesus? How have you seen this to be true in your own life?
5. **Read John 14:21-24.** According to this passage in John 14, what else does our obedience reveal in addition to reflecting our view of Jesus’ lordship? Why is this true? How can we cultivate a deeper love for Jesus—which will then lead to deeper and more joyful obedience?
6. In Luke 6:49, Jesus says that a house without a foundation will come to great ruin. In what ways will this ruin come? Can you think of other Bible passages that might support your answer? What might be some warning signs that someone is building their life on an unstable foundation?

Apply: If someone were to observe your life, what might they conclude about the foundation you’ve built for your life? What specific steps can you take this week to strengthen your foundation in Christ?

Pray: Ask God to deepen our love for Jesus and help us build our lives on the firm foundation of His word, knowing that will lead to greater joy, blessing, and stability in our lives.