

Group Leader Guide

What Would Jesus Say – part 5 “to the Deconstructing”

Sermon Recap

What if the very foundation of your faith is crumbling beneath cultural pressure? Modern deconstruction has shifted from using Scripture to challenge wrong beliefs to using culture to demolish God's truth entirely—trading magnifying glasses for wrecking balls. Pastor Scott reveals how today's "faith renovation" often builds on sand instead of the Rock, warning that when we customize God to fit our preferences, we lose Him altogether. Through Matthew's parable and powerful personal insights, discover why authentic faith must align with God's unchanging Word, not cultural demands. Your spiritual house depends on the right foundation—don't let deconstruction demolish what Christ built to last!

Ice Breaker

If you could be on any DIY or HGTV home makeover show, which one would it be and why?

Discussion Questions

1. What from the sermon stood out to you? How were you challenged, motivated, or convicted from what you heard?
2. Pastor Scott mentioned two types of deconstruction - one that uses Scripture to challenge unhealthy practices, and another that uses culture to challenge Scripture's authority. What's the difference between these two approaches, and why does one lead to spiritual health while the other can be dangerous?
 - a. The sermon explained that healthy deconstruction uses God's Word to correct wrong beliefs or practices, while unhealthy deconstruction uses cultural trends and personal feelings to question or reject biblical truth.
 - b. When you encounter teaching or practices that don't feel right to you, what's your first instinct - to check them against Scripture or against what feels comfortable to you and your community?
3. In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus talks about building your house on the rock versus sand. How does this parable relate to the foundation we choose for our faith, and what are some examples of 'sand' that people might build their faith on today?
 - a. Pastor Scott used this passage to show that building faith on God's Word creates a solid foundation, while building on culture, emotions, or popular opinion creates an unstable foundation that will collapse under pressure.
 - b. If you're honest about your own faith journey, what has your foundation been built on - Scripture and truth about Jesus, or things like family tradition, personal experiences, or what makes you feel good?

4. The sermon mentioned that many people miss heaven 'by 10-12 inches' - the distance between head and heart. What's the difference between knowing about God and actually knowing God personally?
 - a. Pastor Scott explained that some people have lots of knowledge about Christianity and can talk the talk, but their hearts have never been truly changed by a personal relationship with Jesus.
 - b. How would you describe your relationship with Jesus - is it mainly intellectual knowledge, or has there been a real heart transformation where you've surrendered your life to Him as Lord?
5. Pastor Scott said that God's love is demonstrated through Jesus' sacrifice, not through anger or condemnation. How does understanding God's heart as a loving Father rather than an angry judge change how we approach faith and doubt?
 - a. The sermon emphasized John 3:16-18, showing that God sent Jesus not to condemn the world but to save it, demonstrating His incredible love for us even while we were sinners.
 - b. When you think about God, what image comes to mind first - a disappointed authority figure waiting to punish you, or a loving Father who sacrificed everything to rescue you?
6. According to the sermon, deconstruction is often more of a heart issue than an evidence issue. What does this mean, and how can we tell if someone's questions about faith are coming from genuine seeking versus a heart that's already decided to walk away?
 - a. Pastor Scott explained that most people who deconstruct don't leave because of lack of evidence for Christianity, but because their hearts were never truly captured by Christ's love in the first place, or they built their faith on the wrong foundation.
 - b. When you have doubts or questions about your faith, what motivates them - a genuine desire to know God more deeply and follow Him more faithfully, or a desire to find reasons to live life on your own terms?

Prayer

- Begin by asking if anyone has any specific prayer requests.
- Ask God to help us build our faith on a strong foundation of His Word.
- Pray for wisdom to discern between healthy and unhealthy deconstruction.
- Request strength to remain committed to the authenticity of Scripture over cultural pressures.
- Seek God's love and guidance to reach out to those who are deconstructing their faith.