THE WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Discuss these questions in your LifeGroup and/or with your family and friends.)

Living it OUT

ICEBREAKER: Where is "home" for you this Christmas? Are you traveling somewhere or are others traveling to see you?

1. We've all been spiritually homeless because sin separated us from God. However, God sent Jesus from his heavenly home in order to provide a path for our return. Read Revelation 3:20. Talk about the ways you knew Jesus was "knocking on the door of your heart" and what made you decide to invite him into your heart.

2. During this weekend's message, Kyle talked about a story Jesus told in Matthew 7:24-27. What is the difference between the two homes that were built? Spiritually speaking, how can we know when we are building on the solid foundation of Christ or when we are building our faith on something that won't last?

3. Jesus knows a quiet, calm heart – a heart that is experiencing the depth of his love and peace. How can you "go deep" with God in order to experience that kind of calm and quiet in all circumstances?

4. One of the ways that we can show that Jesus is at home in our hearts is when we allow his love to shine through us toward others. Talk about all of the ways that we partner together at CedarCreek.tv to show Christ's love in our community. Which one of those ways inspires you to want to let Christ shine greater in your life?

5. IMPACT419 is a NW Ohio foodrive to help feed OUR hungry at a variety of local locations. Are you planning to be a part of IMPACT419? Discuss ways that you can be a part of this important project!

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W Tol- Frosty The Snowman by Gary Hoey
S Tol- Carol Of The Bells by Family Force 5
WH- Wizards in Winter by TSO

Come Home by Luminate
PB - Lauren Miller; W. TL- Nate Manuel;
S. TOL- Emily Goldsmith; WH - Lindsey Payne

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

(Memorize this verse for the month of December.)

LUKE 2:10-11 (New Living Translation)

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