

## Discussion/Reflection Questions

1. Can you imagine how many times the question “Why?” is asked in a day, in a week, in a month, in a year? It seems to be natural for people to ask “Why?” The reason for the question is the inability to understand or make sense of a situation. We ask “why” questions when things don’t seem to be make sense. If God could ask “why” questions about your life, what might they be? What are the areas of your life that would be puzzling to someone?
2. Today’s passage in Luke’s gospel makes it clear that the problem was not that people did not do what Jesus said. Rather it was that they called him “Lord” and also did not do what he said. It seems that Jesus thought that the term “Lord” would carry with it commitment and obedience. Do you think he has changed his view on this?
3. The analogy that Jesus uses in Luke 6:46-49 implies that our lives will experience difficulty and turmoil (represented in the passage by the floods and torrents). The difference for those who follow Jesus is not the absence of life’s storms but rather the presence of a satisfactory foundation. What about your life? In what ways have you experienced life’s storms? How has Jesus made a difference in your life?
4. From Jesus’ perspective, what is the solution to the dilemma of people calling him “Lord” but choosing not to put his words into practice? From my perspective it seems to be that we either start putting his words into practice or we stop calling him “Lord.” Remember, it is not the title “Lord” that is the issue; rather it is the discrepancy between what is said and what is done. So how should we solve the problem?

## Conversations with Jesus (II)

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### Luke 6:17-20; 46-49 (church Bible page 729-730)

(17) He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coast of Tyre and Sidon, (18) who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, (19) and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. (20) Looking at his disciples, he said...

(46) "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?  
(47) I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. (48) He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. (49) But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."