1. Share an example of something you've observed to be built on a shaky foundation. What characteristics made that foundation treacherous? How did you find out that the foundation wasn't strong?

2. Read Matthew 7:24–29. What factors are precisely the same in each scenario? Which ones are different? What are the consequences of the individual differences in each scenario?

3. Read Proverbs 10:1–32. What corollaries do you see between the Proverbs and Jesus' conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount? In what ways is the fool in the Proverbs building a house on sand? In what ways, however, does wisdom in the Proverbs build on the Rock?

4. Reflect on the totality of the Sermon on the Mount. Consider rereading it (Matthew 5–7). Which part (or parts) of it are most difficult for you to accept? Why? Ask God to help you obey Him in those areas as you continue to walk the narrow road.