

# Fully Alive - experiencing the Good Life *according to Jesus*

study #2

## reflecting on Sunday's teaching ::

As we think back to Sunday's teaching, what stands out for you? Was there something that hit home, challenged, or encouraged you? What questions are you left with and what do you need to do with them? (By sharing your thoughts out loud and with others, you can deepen what you've learned.)

## Digging In ::

- How do you respond to Jesus' assumption in this parable that *storms are inevitable in all of our lives*?
  - Is this helpful, comforting, frustrating, or otherwise? Explain...
- In his teaching, Scott stated that "according to Jesus, studying the Sermon on the Mount will result in you and I, either, **growing in wisdom** or **growing in foolishness...!**"
  - Was this a new idea for you? How do you respond to it? Where have you seen or experienced the reality of this?
- Ultimately, this passage is all about Jesus' concern that we don't just hear, but actually obey or put into practice what He says to us...
  - Scott explored three lies that often keep us from actually following Jesus' teaching
    1. We believe the lie that ***knowing is enough***.
    2. We believe the lie that ***all that matters is our heart/intention***.
    3. We believe the lie that ***the gospel is about the grace of faith, not works***.
  - Which of these names the lie that hold you at times?
  - What's the truth you need to embrace? And how can we help one another embrace this truth?
- Reflect together on Scott's imagined example of calling his son to come down and set the table, or brush his teeth. Recall the many possible responses (*praise, writing a song, posting something on social media to extoll the wisdom of his father*), but never actually obeying...
  - How was this imagined example helpful for you?
- Consider together what Scott called "the ***unnamed danger*** of our online church moment" – having access to all the preaching and teaching we have time for – in the light of Jesus' strong warning that hearing the truth ***and doing nothing with it*** is the path to foolishness and collapse.
  - Explore together how this speaks to your life and daily walk with God...
  - Is there something that God spoke to you through all this that you know you need to act on? If you're willing, share with the group – so they can support you...

**PRAY together :: to grow in the obedience of faith.**