



## EXPLORING THE BIG IDEA

**Individual Homework Questions.** Take some time to answer these questions before you meet with your Life Group this week.

1. Who has had the greatest influence on your beliefs? In what way?

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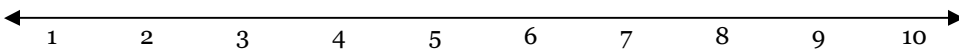
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2. Can you think of a time when what you believe enabled you to do something challenging or hard?

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3. On the scale of 1 to 10, mark how clear you are on the CONTENT of what you believe. Now mark how clear you WANT to be. If there is a gap, how might you start to bridge it?



**With Your Life Group:** Since this is your first meeting, take some time to go around the room and introduce yourselves. Leaders, now is the time to pull out one of those great icebreaker questions (you can blame us!). It's okay if this takes awhile the first week and you don't get through all the questions. The primary focus this first week is getting to know each other.

## DIGGING DEEPER

**Work on this section together in your Life Group.** It's okay if you don't get through all the questions. Try to at least cover the questions marked with an asterisk \*.

1. \*Take time to go over the homework questions from pg 2.
2. \*Read Matthew 7:24-29 aloud to the group.
3. In verse 26, Jesus talks about "hearing" and "practicing". How are those two things different?
4. Is there a step in the process that He didn't mention? What has to happen inside of us to connect those dots?
5. What kind of "storms" today could crash a life not built on a firm foundation?
6. \*Jesus contrasts the wise man and the foolish man. What might a foolish man believe about Jesus? What might a wise man believe about Jesus?
7. \*What one thing do you think you need to "believe" more fully about God that could help you be more "wise"?

### Prayer For This Week

*"Lord, help bridge the "believe" gap between hearing and doing in me. Help me to hear your Word, believe your Word and then do your Word. Help me build my life on your truth. Amen."*

**Prayer Requests:** Before you move to the Bringing It Home section on the back page, share prayer requests with your group. These requests will be confidential and won't leave your group.

\*What do you need prayer for this week? \_\_\_\_\_