Sermon Notes – August 24, 2014 "The Sure Foundation" Matthew 7:24-27 Pastor Bill Hoffman

<u>Context</u>: Verses 24-27 contain the last of three sets of images Jesus presents (starting in verse 13) which contrast two ways of living. Put into your own words what is being contrasted with each set of images.

<u>Text of verses 24-27</u>: In the two building scenarios, Jesus describes what elements are common to both and what are the differences?

- What are some common foundations upon which people choose to build their lives? How do lives built on these hold up to difficult circumstances?

<u>Application</u>: By "these words of mine" Jesus is most directly referring to his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7) but by implication this would include all of Jesus' teaching.

- Ask God to reveal to you one specific aspect of Jesus teaching – from the Sermon on the Mount or elsewhere – that he is calling you to put more fully into practice this week. Be encouraged that in so doing you are building your life on the foundation that will enable you to endure.