

## Counter Rev Small Group Conversation based on Matthew 7:24-29

*Try keep this conversation no longer than 45 minutes - it is no good sending people home exhausted from just talking for too long. Keep the conversation moving and upbeat. Don't let people take the group off the topic. Do your best to draw out the contributions of quieter people. Land the time in prayer, but remember to gently coach people who haven't prayed in a group before. There is no pressure to pray aloud.*

### Getting to know each other

- Jesus speaks about houses here. How many different homes have you lived in? What was your best? And your worst?

### Understanding and applying Christ's teaching in Matthew 7:24-29

- Read Matthew 7:24-29.
- *If some of your group did not hear the Sunday message, then play the summary audio clip.*
- *Read verses 24-25.* Do you think what Jesus is saying here applies to everyone, or only to the disciples?
- Jesus speaks of a storm, a house and a rock in these verses. What do you think the house represents? And the rock? And the storm? And how do we know whether we're building on the rock?
- *Read verses 26-27.* What is the difference between the wise and the foolish man?
- How do we make sure that we're not just informed by Christ's teachings but actually transformed by them?
- *Read verses 28-29.* What did the crowds find so amazing about Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mt?
- Reflect on the journey through the Sermon on the Mt: 1) What do you find so amazing about it, if anything? 2) And in what ways have you noticed some changes in your life, if at all?

### Praying through Matthew 7:24-29 (possibly in smaller groups)

- 1) Give thanks for Jesus, and for his teaching, and for the rock that he can be to us if we build our lives upon him.
- 2) Share with each other if there are any storms you're facing right now - and pray for each other to remain standing upon Christ and his words.