

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What are some of the sounds or sights that make you happy or relaxed in spring?

- **1.** Have you ever had something foundational fall apart on you? (It could be a building, thought process, relationship, strongly held belief, etc.) Explain.
- **2.** Read Matthew 7:24-29. What past decisions, good or bad, do you see impacting your current circumstances?
- **3.** "Hearing and obeying are not the same thing and both matter." When has a "truth" you've known a long time become clear, causing you to change your choices to match it? How could hearing AND obeying change your choices this week?
- **4.** Re-read Matthew 7:28-29 and read John 14:6a. How does trusting Jesus stand the "test of life", becoming foundational to all that we think or do?
- **5.** What steps will you take this week to get to "know Jesus more and follow His lead?" Be specific.

PERSONAL GUIDE

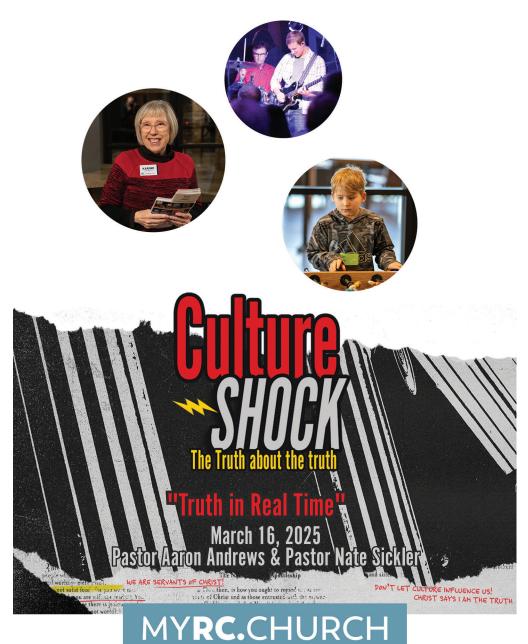
Day One: Matthew 24; Psalm 113
Day Two: Leviticus 23; Proverbs 20

Day Three: 2 Corinthians 3; 1 Kings 9
Day Four: Revelation 5; Jeremiah 47

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 9; Acts 1

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 (Matthew 7:26-27)
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- 3. One Truth stands the test of <u>life</u>. (Matthew 7:28-29; John 14:6a)
 - a. This Truth isn't an idea, principle, or opinion to agree with, but a <u>Person</u> to trust, <u>Jesus!</u>

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- Are you listening, but waiting to <u>act</u>?

