

## The Journey Outline

### 1. Foundations: Lesson 1 Outline:

- a. One Sentence Summary: Foundations is the key in gaining the correct understanding of what life is all about.
- b. Outline
  - i. Introduction
    1. Goal of authentic living: Living a life which brings God the greatest glory and you the greatest joy!!
    2. Beginning deals with Foundations and Cancer
    3. Two questions:
      - a. Can our foundations in the church be wrong?
      - b. And can they go wrong and produce a Cancer in the Church?
      - c. Thaw the chicken story
  - ii. Body:
    1. Foundations
      - a. Assumptions or preconceived ideas
      - b. Foundations are key in gaining the correct understanding of what life is all about.
    2. Foundation example = building the foundation of the Unveiling Glory Studio
      - a. Interview with the builder
        - i. "If it doesn't start off right, it's not right when you get to the top!..."
        - ii. If the foundation is wrong, you have to correct it as you're going along...."
        - iii. The problems do not necessarily show up immediately....
        - iv. If your mortar is not right, through the years it weakens.... then the problems arise later...it just starts falling apart on you...
      - b. Wrong foundation in Christianity
        - i. Problems show up immediately or in years
        - ii. Falling of Christian leaders evidence of the crumbling of our foundations
    3. Laying the correct foundation
      - a. Takes time and must be done right
        - i. Fine adjustments must be made
        - ii. Have we been careful in determining the foundations of our faith?
      - b. Must have a leveling line to measure against
        - i. We must know what our leveling line is in order to understand God's plan for life.
      - c. Takes a lot of hard work
        - i. We must search the scriptures for the correct foundation for our Christianity
        - ii. It means digging deeply into God's Word and our hearts and asking tough questions
    4. Pre- foundation work
      - a. Take down the trees

- b. Smooth out the ground
- c. Footers dug and prepared
- d. Laying the blocks with the level
- e. Concrete floor laid
- 5. Christian Pre- foundation work
  - a. We have to “tear down” some incorrect thinking...
  - b. Could the disciples been wrong in some of their thinking? They didn’t understand what Jesus was doing.
  - c. Augustine and other founding fathers may have had error in way they viewed the Word
- 6. Wrong foundations in the Christian faith
  - a. Is like having cancer
  - b. Cancer quietly destroys a human body
  - c. Many people who have cancer are unaware of it.
    - i. Rod Messick- had pain for years, finally diagnosed and died 3 weeks later, leaving a wife and 5 children.
    - ii. Steve Watkins- had cancer for over a year and didn’t know it. Died and left wife and 3 sons.
    - iii. Bob – diagnosed with same cancer as Steve, yet cancer was healed.
  - d. Symptoms of cancer in the church
    - i. Effects our songs, worship, messages we preach, Sunday School lessons, etc
    - ii. If we have right foundations- symptoms are clear.
    - iii. If we don’t have the right foundations- you won’t be able to spot the symptoms

iii. Conclusion

- 1. Correct level line for Christianity is determined by :
  - a. Thawed chicken or
  - b. Frozen chicken
  - c. Matt. 7:24-27= built house on rock or sand
    - i. Christianity built on rock brings stability
    - ii. Christianity built on sand brings disaster.