

The Money Pit  
Discussion Guide:

**Psalm 127:1-2**

1 Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.  
2 In vain you rise early and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to[a] those he loves.

**Luke 6: 46-49: The Wise and Foolish Builders**

46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? 47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

**Luke 14:28-29**

28 “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

**Opening Questions:**

- What is your favorite Tom Hanks movie?
- Share about one of your most recent home repairs that went awry?
- How could this story be a parallel for our faith lives?

**Relationship construction:**

- How would you describe Walter (Hanks) and Anna (Long)’s relationship at the start of the movie?
- How did the troubles with the house mimic the troubles in the relationship?
- What were some of the difficulties this relationship had from the start?
- How did they find themselves in this situation, and how could they have avoided it? Why didn’t they?
- What were some of the struggles this relationship endured over the course of the movie?
- Why do home repair issues test a relationship?
- Do you think their relationship will last? Why or why not.

**Having the right builder:**

- Walter had a difficult time finding the right builder, many ever refused to come out and look at the property. Why were so many people not wanting to take the job?
- We meet the Shirk brothers, who harass Anna (Shelley Long) and manipulate Walter (Tom Hanks), yet they agree to take on the job and the money. We never see them again, but meet their ragtag staff led by Curly.
- What is your thought about the Shirk brothers?
- What is your opinion of Curly and his crew?

- Why does Walter and Anna agree to have them to have them in the do the job?
- Why is having the right builder important?
- Was Curly and his crew the right builder?

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- What does it mean for the “Lord to build the house?”
- The crew had to tear down much of the house in order to rebuild it. When we let other things build our lives Jesus has to rebuild it, and it can be painful but worthwhile. How can having Christ rebuild our lives be painful?
- Why is it important to have Christ rebuild our lives?

### **A Solid Foundation:**

At the end of the movie the builder said that the house had a good foundation, which lead to the successful restoration of the home.

- Why is a foundation an important for building a home?
- What good would it have done to do all the repair work on a faulty foundation?

Luke 6 talks about a people who build their homes of different foundations.

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- What does the foundation symbolize in this passage?
- What makes a person a wise or foolish builder?
- What role does hearing and practice have on stability?
- What role do storms have on the stability of the structure?

How can we be certain to build our lives on the right foundation?

How can we avoid the Money Pit of faith?