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²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Matthew 7:28-29 (NIV)

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Introduction:

- The environment we are in is *radically changing*.
 - National changes
 - International changes
 - Career/Employment changes
 - Family changes
 - Morality changes
 - Ethical changes
 - Religious changes

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- The environment we are in is *radically changing*.
- There is a feeling of *shifting sand*.
 - How am I to relate to those around me?
 - How do we fit in?
 - Should we be fitting in? Should we be standing out?
 - What am I to believe?
 - What am I to do with what I believe?
 - Does acceptance mean approval?

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- There is a clear need for a *firm foundation*.
 - What is that firm foundation?
 - How does this relate to others around me/around us?
 - How do I respond to those with different perspectives?
 - How can I/we be understood?
 - WHO is that firm foundation?

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In the midst of shifting sand, there is a firm foundation. That's what we're going to look at in the next few weeks, addressing some of the most important questions facing us in our world today.

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