

GRACE CHAPEL

LIFE Community Sermon Notes



Psalm 139:13-17

- 13 For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
- 16 your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
- 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

Proverbs 24:3-4

- 3 By wisdom a house is built,
and through understanding it is established;
- 4 through knowledge its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful treasures.

Worthwhile Resources

www.biblegateway.com—do a word search on wisdom for help on the questions.

Proverbs and Parables: God's Wisdom for Living: 16 bible studies on Wisdom written by Dee Brestin

wis·dom (wīz'dəm)n.: The ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting; insight.

James 1:4-6

- 2Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. 5If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

Proverbs 1

Prologue: Purpose and Theme

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 for attaining wisdom and discipline;
for understanding words of insight;
- 3 for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life,
doing what is right and just and fair;
- 4 for giving prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the young-
- 5 let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance-
- 6 for understanding proverbs and parables,
the sayings and riddles of the wise.
- 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Psalm 111:10

- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.

LIFE Community Leader's Guide
Sunday, May 13

LIFE Community Leaders Notes: Questions in bold are important questions. Statements in italics are answers that the questions are directing towards.

Big Idea: Wisdom is a foundational principle on which to build a household.

Key Verses:

Psalm 139:13-17

Opening Question:

Share a memory of your own family?

Study/Discussion Questions:

Read through the passages together

Observation Questions

What do these passages (and others you as the leader have gathered) say about wisdom:

1. Where does it come from?
2. Who do we ask for it?
3. **What does wisdom allow us to be, have or become?**
4. **How would you define wisdom from these passages? What is wisdom?**

Interpretation Questions

1. **Why, according to these passages, is wisdom important for households and its members?**
2. Based on where wisdom comes from, what does this mean for how we should live our lives today? (*Wisdom comes from God, and Jim reminded us that this clarifies that our story—our reason for living—is rooted in God and His story, not in our family, our roots, or our ancestors*)
3. **How does wisdom (defined by Bryan as proven, practical help) help a family and its members grow strong and remain strong.**

Application Questions

1. Being wise implies having knowledge: of self, of others, of God and of the situation. Jim spoke about having an “enduring vulnerability”. This Jim defined as being past wounds or hurts. Knowing what our own enduring vulnerability is will help us on the road to wisdom. What is your “enduring vulnerability”?
2. How do you feel knowing that your story is rooted in God?
3. **Where do you need wisdom today? Share with the group what you need wisdom for and then do exactly what it says in James 1:5-6 to do—ask God with faith. Do that as a group together over the issues you have shared.**