

Wisdom - 9 October 2022

Overview

This term we have been looking back at the promises (prophecy) God has made to Israel, and us. We see the depth and breadth of His holiness and faithfulness, and Jesus, shining through.

At the Street Church we are committed to helping each other live Christ centred lives. This Sunday various members of our community shared from Proverbs, wisdom that has impacted their life. Life group this week is an opportunity to prayerfully encourage one another in how we equip ourselves with this wisdom in our daily lives.

1. “The wise person” or “The fool”, which do you see yourself as? Or is there another ‘character’ in proverbs that you identify closely with?

2. John 3:17 tells us Jesus comes to save, not condemn the world, the accuser (Revelation 12:10) has been defeated. How can we read/use the guidance in Proverbs (the bible in general) as encouragement and for our building up and equipping, instead of a burden or evidence of failing?

3. In the devotions that were shared in the Sunday messages, people from our church shared a Proverb that has helped shape them.
 - a. What was one thing that spoke to you from their testimony?
 - b. What wisdom from scripture has helped shape you over the last 3 months??
 - c. How has it helped you share the Joy you have experienced in Christ Jesus?

4. In July (Proverbs 1) we looked at the Spiritual formation process. It can involve:
- a. Daily reading, meditation or memorisation of scripture
 - b. Prayer or contemplation about what God is telling you in a verse or Journaling
 - c. Fasting or practising solitude/retreat
 - d. Practising Sabbath or rest with God as regular part of (weekly) routine.
 - e. Other Stuff - ...

Share with each other how you are going with this.

- What is there to celebrate?
- What is the next **SMALL** step?
- Was what you tried too hard to maintain? How can you make it smaller but life giving?
- Was what you tried too simple? Did it not draw you closer to God? How can growing this in this practise be more core to how you live out each day / week?

Wisdom - 17 July 2022

Overview

This week is a transition week, where we step from 1 Thessalonians “Blood, Sweat and Tears” to our next Series on Outreach based around Matthew 9:35-36. It is a chance for us to take stock of how we are going in our personal discipleship, and in fellowship.

At the Street Church we are committed to helping each other become total followers of Jesus Christ. This Sunday various members of our community are sharing from Proverbs, wisdom that has impacted their life. Life group this week is an opportunity to encourage one another in how we equip ourselves with this wisdom in our daily lives.

1. Think back to growing up. What “Parental Wisdom” (from your mum, dad or a grandparent / ‘auntie’) has become a foundational truth for your life?
2. Read Proverbs 1:1-7.
 - a. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
 - b. Often we are resistant to wisdom that feels like discipline or correcting. How can we change this mindset?
3. Sometimes the wisdom in Proverbs is called “common sense”. How do you think the wisdom of the Bible is different from the wisdom of the world? How do we train ourselves to be disciples of the Word (John 1:1)?
4. In the devotions that were shared in the Sunday messages, people from our church shared a Proverb that has helped shape them.
 - a. What is a Proverb that has been influential in your life?
 - b. How did it make a difference for you?

- c. How has it helped to form you as a total follower of Jesus Christ.
5. Spiritual formation is a process. It can involve:
- a. Meditation or memorisation on scripture
 - b. Prayer or contemplation about what God is telling you in a verse
 - c. Regular bible study with others
 - d. Mentoring or reflecting on how you have responded to the bible verses you have read / promptings of the Holy Spirit.
 - e. Other stuff 😊

Take some time now to consider how you are being asked to grow as a disciple. You may want to make yourself accountable to each other or commit to praying for each other as they seek to be transformed in this way.

In 2018 The Street did a 5-week sermon series: Words to Live by. You might like to use those life group devotions for your personal devotions this week: <https://www.thestreet.org.nz/sermon-series-/words>