

Wisdom and Righteousness

Scripture Memory of the Month

*Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.
Proverbs 27:6*

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) DISCUSS THE TEXT - ENGAGE THE HEART

Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Read Proverbs: 2:9, 2:20, 11:10, 29:2, 12:26, 29:7, 12:20, 20:26

What do these Proverbs tell us about righteousness?

As we've studied the Proverbs we've covered the topics of wisdom, foolishness, parenting, womanhood & manhood, friendship, words, anger, money, work & laziness, decision making, sexual purity, and integrity. How do you feel the book of Proverbs changed your view of wisdom and righteousness?

Where has it helped you see your need for growth and repentance? What steps have you been taking?

What does learning about God's view on wisdom and righteousness show us about his character and nature?

READ

1 Corinthians 1:30

And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

How does Christ becoming wisdom for us and making us perfectly righteous empower us to grow in practical wisdom and righteousness now? How does it change your mindset as you pursue wisdom and righteousness?

Our hope is not found in our ability to get be wise or righteous on our own, but through Christ we can grow in practicing wisdom and righteousness with our lives.

3) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

Who can you be intentionally living on mission given your current situation? (neighbors, coworkers, or a specific demographic in Columbia)

Plan:

Who is one person you can intentionally build with this week? Spend some time praying for these opportunities.

Pray:

Pray for God to help us love him above all else that we may join him boldly in his mission to redeem the world. Pray for those around us that we need to share this with or invite in.