



Sermon Discussion Guide

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***Equipping Season** (March 2-30). Take some time this month to highlight and discuss which class the people in your group will attend. Class descriptions are in the Link in the LG email as well as the announcement email. Sign up by Feb 23!

SUMMARY

Big Idea: True Wisdom is only found in Relationship with God

The book of Proverbs includes principles that promote human flourishing by teaching us to think, discern, apply and walk in wisdom. Chapter 8 continues this by first calling mankind to heed wisdom's instruction (v1-9), then highlighting wisdom's value and benefits (v10-21). By verse 22 the focus has shifted from wisdom being merely a concept to wisdom being a person. While we may excel at rule-keeping, through the Bible, God offers to us Himself. True wisdom then, is not found in principles, but in knowing and having a relationship with a person, culminating in the person of Jesus Christ, The wisdom of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro: Making Decisions. Would you say you are a quick decision-maker, or are you more of a "let me marinate on that for a while"? (The amount of time you take to answer this question may reveal your answer ;)

Read Proverbs 8:1-9 (Proclamation of Wisdom)

1. What is the main point of these verses? How do you know?
2. Of all the "voices" you could be listening to, what does it mean for you to listen to wisdom?

Read Proverbs 8:10-21 (Profit of Wisdom)

3. What is the main point of these verses? How do you know?
4. What do you make of the language in verses 10, 11, 18, 19, and 21 compared to the language in Psalm 19:7-11? What connection is being made, and why is that important?

Read Proverbs 8:22-36 (Personification of Wisdom)

5. What stands out to you as significant in these verses?
6. Why is it significant, and how does it relate to your life right now?

Takeaway

7. For you, what is 1 decision you need to make now or soon, that you are wrestling with?
 - a. Is this a "right vs wrong," or more of a "what is best" situation?
 - b. If it is a "what is best" situation, how do you determine what is "best"? What evaluative criteria, or measuring standard do you employ?
 - c. How does the teaching of Proverbs 8 impact your decision-making process?