

# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### Listen and Live

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- **Wisdom in Hebrew (Khokhmah) is more than knowledge or mental activity.**
- **Wisdom (as God's Word) gives us practical skills to live well in God's world.**

Proverbs 8:1-11 (NLT) Listen as Wisdom calls out! Hear as understanding raises her voice! <sup>2</sup> On the hilltop along the road, she takes her stand at the crossroads. <sup>3</sup> By the gates at the entrance to the town, on the road leading in, she cries aloud, <sup>4</sup> "I call to you, to all of you! I raise my voice to all people. <sup>5</sup> You simple people, use good judgment. You foolish people, show some understanding. <sup>6</sup> Listen to me! For I have important things to tell you. Everything I say is right, <sup>7</sup> for I speak the truth and detest every kind of deception. <sup>8</sup> My advice is wholesome. There is nothing devious or crooked in it. <sup>9</sup> My words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those with knowledge. <sup>10</sup> Choose my instruction rather than silver, and knowledge rather than pure gold. <sup>11</sup> For wisdom is far more valuable than rubies. Nothing you desire can compare with it.

Proverbs 8:32-36 (NLT) "And so, my children, listen to me, for all who follow my ways are joyful. <sup>33</sup> Listen to my instruction and be wise. Don't ignore it. <sup>34</sup> Joyful are those who listen to me, watching for me daily at my gates, waiting for me outside my home! <sup>35</sup> For whoever finds me finds life and receives favour from the Lord. <sup>36</sup> But those who miss me injure themselves. All who hate me love death."

Proverbs 9:1-6 (NLT) Wisdom has built her house; she has carved its seven columns. <sup>2</sup> She has prepared a great banquet, mixed the wines, and set the table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent her servants to invite everyone to come. She calls out from the heights overlooking the city. <sup>4</sup> "Come in with me," she urges the simple. To those who lack good judgment, she says, <sup>5</sup> "Come, eat my food, and drink the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways behind, and begin to live; learn to use good judgment."

- **We have been given an invitation to Life found in relationship with God.**

**To receive this initiation we need to...**

- **Listen to God**

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Matthew 5:6 (MSG) "You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat."

### **How hungry are we for God's Word?**

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### **How willing are we to listen to God?**

- **Recognize our need.**

Luke 14:21 (NLT) "The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.'"

- **Surrender our will.**

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## **Big Idea: Respond to God's invitation to Life by humbly submitting to Jesus Christ.**

Revelation 19:6-10 (NLT) Then I heard again what sounded like the shout of a vast crowd or the roar of mighty ocean waves or the crash of loud thunder: "Praise the Lord! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honour to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. <sup>8</sup> She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear." For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people. <sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb." And he added, "These are true words that come from God." <sup>10</sup> Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said, "No, don't worship me. I am a servant of God, just like you and your brothers and sisters who testify about their faith in Jesus. Worship only God. For the essence of prophecy is to give a clear witness for Jesus."

- **Our mission as a Church is to help people Listen & Live so they can join us at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb.**

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- 2) Take time to have one person explain and the practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation.
- 3) Read Proverbs 8:1-11, 32-36, and 9:1-6. What is the **Context** for these passages? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? Is anything repeated? What questions come up about the passages? What is the major theme in these passages?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us and what does this tell us about the invitation from God?
- 6) Review the scriptures from the teachings of Jesus in Luke 14:16-24 and the promise of Revelation 19:6-10. How do these passages inform what we see in Proverbs 8 & 9?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What does it look like for you to respond to God's invitation? What will you do this week as a result of this teaching? What aspect of this teaching do you need to pass on to others?



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