

Finding Jesus



BIG IDEA

“Jesus is the wisdom of God. Jesus is the person that wisdom is pointing us to - not only in Proverbs - but in all of Scripture. In wisdom - in obedience - in love, Jesus went to the cross for you. He did so accomplishing the wisest plan ever made for the salvation of the people of God. Jesus tells us obedience leads to joy. It led to his joy even when it meant his death. Repentance is turning from the direction you’re headed and turning to the Wisdom of God - Jesus Christ. Turning to Christ in faith - believing in him - is another act of wisdom. Not just knowing that Jesus lived, was crucified, or even rose from the grave. But acting on the knowledge of his life, death, and resurrection. Acting on the knowledge that Jesus is God in flesh.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

1. How were you impacted by the message this week?
2. What did we learn about the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
3. Why is it essential that we understand that knowledge is not enough (even in an age of information)?
4. Read Proverbs 8:27-36. What do these verses reveal about God?
5. What reasons do we have to rejoice as God’s wise created work?
6. What is the blessing for those who listen and obey God’s wisdom?
7. Who is the person wisdom is pointing us to? Read Ephesians 2:10, 1 Corinthians 1:24, Colossians 1:15b-16.
8. What does Jesus say we will receive by following his commandments? Read John 15:10-17, Hebrews 12:2b.
9. What was the wisest plan ever made? How is repentance an act of wisdom? Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-24.

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

1. How were you personally challenged this week?
2. Would you say you have more knowledge or wisdom?
3. Knowing you were created by The Master Workman, what reasons do you have to rejoice?
4. If repentance is the most basic act of wisdom, why is it so important?
5. How will you personally apply what you learned from the sermon to your life?
6. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?

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Pray: Take time this week to pray for each Life Group member individually. At your next meeting, follow up with each other's prayer requests.

Read: 1 Kings 3:3-10, 4:29-34; Proverbs 1:1-7, 8:27-36; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Colossians 1:15b-16; John 15:10-17. Take time to reflect on these passages and write down your thoughts. Visit gatewayepc.org/news to read and review the sermon manuscript.

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him.

Sing: Visit gatewayepc.org/news and listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (1 Kings 3:3-10, 4:29-34; Proverbs 1:1-7, 8:27-36; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Colossians 1:15b-16; John 15:10-17)

Love: How can your group show the love of Christ to our community this summer?