

CONNECT GROUP GUIDE: 30 Sep. 2018

WELCOME [KNOWING EACH OTHER DEEPER]

Let's make everyone feel welcome, especially the new faces in the group.

Connect Question: How often do you read the book of proverbs?

WORSHIP [TAKE OUR LOVE FOR GOD DEEPER]

Let praise flow from my lips, for you have taught me your decrees.

Let my tongue sing about your word, for all your commands are right.

Psalms 119: 171-172 (NLT)

WORD [LIVING DEEPER FOR HIM]

True Treasure: Many people spend hours looking after their physique and outer appearance, yet spend very little time sharpening and shaping their mind and thought life. It's good to stay healthy, but society has become obsessed with the way we look! Yet gaining a great outward physical appearance won't change much within your life, but seeking wisdom can change so very much about our lives.

Get Wisdom:

- Read James 3:13
 - Who is the wisest person you know?
 - What do you feel makes wisdom desirable to seek out?
 - What does meekness of wisdom mean to you?
- Read James 3:14-16
 - How does the world try to sell these attributes as 'correct' or 'required'?
 - What checks and balances do you have in place to ensure that these attitudes don't rise up in your life?
 - How does it make you feel that these attitudes are demonic?
- Read James 3:17-18
 - Why do you think wisdom is first described as pure?
 - Why does the world see these attributes as weak?
 - Which do you feel you should personally work on?

In a world where to be prideful is now described as having self-respect, where selfish ambition is seen as being goal orientated, and where bending of the truth is seen as an astute business practice; it is quite difficult to always see the Godly truth.

We need to be vigilant that we don't get sucked into the world's ways of doing things, and keep refocussing on doing things God's way.

One of our roles as believers is to bring Godly wisdom into our places of work, and not to leave them at the door when we leave home.

WORKS [GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER]

Let's pray for:

- For God to give us strength to not desire worldly wisdom.
- For the Holy Spirit to guide us into Godly Wisdom.
- Any special needs in the group.