

Proverbs 1:1-7

Series – The Beginning of Wisdom

Message – Entrance into Wisdom

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- Worldly wisdom tells us _____ to do. Biblical wisdom tells us to _____ to turn.
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Approach to Wisdom

- “There are two ways, one of life and one of death, and there is great difference between the two ways” (Didache, pg. 1).
- Proverbs 1:1
- “Proverb’s wisdom comes in the context of God’s word and God’s people” (Kathleen Neilson, Proverbs for You, p.18).
- Wisdom comes through _____ with God.
- “[Proverbs] function in Scripture is to put godliness into _____ clothes” (Derek Kidner, The Wisdom of Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes: An Introduction to Wisdom Literature, p.35).

Breadth of Wisdom

- Proverbs 1:2-5
- Wisdom – intellectual, ethical, and practical
- Wisdom for everyone
- God invites us to a _____ process of growth in Christ.
- Posture of listening

Relationship with Wisdom

- Proverbs 1:7
- “The fear of the Lord is not terror that creates further distance. Instead, this Old Testament synonym (roughly speaking) for faith emphasizes initial recognition that God is the Creator to whom we must account for ourselves” (Daniel Treier, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes, p.12).
- The fear of the Lord is _____ and faith.
- “Servile fear” is the fear of _____ for wrongdoing.
- “Holy fear” is the fear of _____ our Good, Good Father in how we live after receiving his grace. (Ideas from Daniel Treier, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes, p.12).
- Walking in the way of wisdom is what God prefers, and the fear of the Lord – reverence and faith – is the _____ into wisdom.

Reflection Questions

1. Share of a time when you encountered a choice where wisdom guided you in a particular direction.
2. In what ways have you grown in wisdom through your relationship with Jesus?
3. What in the meaning of “the fear of the Lord” stood out to you?
4. To what degree do you take with you into daily life the mindset of seeking to please the Lord by doing what you sense God might prefer?
5. What did you find most helpful/challenging in this message?
6. How is God getting your attention?
7. What might God be saying to you?
8. What is your next faithful step?