



Wisdom for
a New Day

WEEK 7 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

- What would you consider to be the wisest decision you have ever made?

CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

- Charles Spurgeon said, “Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.” **How does this quote encourage or challenge your view of wisdom?**

Read Proverbs 18:1 & James 1:5 as a group.

- Many times we lack wisdom because we don’t seek it out. That could be from a spiritual laziness in asking or unwillingness to learn (ignorance is bliss). **With the wisdom of Proverbs and James in mind, how are you intentionally seeking and growing in wisdom?**
- What if God’s wisdom were guardrails motivated by love and not control? What if restrictions were about bringing freedom and not frustration? Dave Stone shared 3 popular beliefs in society surrounding the wisdom of God: God’s objective isn’t what’s best for me, God is too controlling of my life, and God doesn’t know as much as I do. **How have you seen these 3 beliefs play out in your life? Which of these resonates with your relationship with God?**
- One or all of these beliefs can become identity or faith shaping. Just reading them creates a tension inside of us, because it is a faith struggle. But, God’s wisdom speaks to these 3 popular beliefs. **Take a moment to read Jeremiah 29:11, Luke 16:10a, and Proverbs 14:12 as a group. What are the Godly wisdom truths from these passages, and how do they counteract false truths of the 3 beliefs?**
- This weekend, Dave asked a big question, “Do you really want to have the responsibility of God without having the power of God?” **How does this question challenge you?**



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- God's ways and wisdom are freeing. This weekend we shared 3 reasons why: whoever creates the universe gets to make the rules (Proverbs 8:35), obedience to God's rules will always lead to freedom (Proverbs 22:), the One who pays the price determines who gets the grace (Romans 8:1). **Take a moment to look up each passage connected to each reason. How have God's ways and wisdom been freeing for you (spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, etc...)?**
- Gallup released a poll of their comprehensive research to determine the percentage of mental health decline of Americans from 2019 to 2020. Their findings revealed that in every category, a person's mental health declined except for one. The only category in 2020 that had a positive number where Mental Health IMPROVED was *religious service attendance*. Those who attended church weekly and were connected to a community generated *positive* emotional health during the Pandemic. **What kind of impact has our life group had on you? How can we better encourage, care, and grow alongside each other?**

CALLING

- **What is hindering you from seeking wisdom?** Reflect over these false beliefs: God's objective isn't what's best for me, God is too controlling of my life, and God doesn't know as much as I do. Ask God for wisdom to see what's hindering, so that you can run free with Him.
- To continue having the Best Summer Ever, check out these suggested resources at mynorthside.com/bestsummerever.
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside's App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize:** "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.." James 1:5
- **Further Study:** Wisdom reading plan (Proverbs & Ecclesiastes) from the *Best Summer Ever* resources.