



get wisdom

Get Wisdom, Part 3 August 3 / 4

Speaker: **Campus Pastor's**
Scripture: **Varying Proverbs**

Sermon Summary:

We continue our series in Proverbs, a book of poems and wisdom statements. But one thing we find in the book is that wisdom is more than just a collection of wise sayings, but it acts as a divine being that the scripture calls Lady wisdom. Wisdom is not found in a statement, but in a relationship with a person. We invite you to join us as we introduce you to a wonderful literary character. And also as we turn this series upside down to talk about the importance of getting & giving and how wisdom actually turns our focus outwards and how we might live out the application.

Sermon Series Questions:

The Proverbs are meant to be read verse by verse and meditated upon, one line at a time — it's just the nature of the genre. So, as we continue down this series, let's explore a few Proverbs together through the lens of scripture, traditions, experience, and reason. **For each Proverb, read the scriptures aloud and then mediate & discuss the following questions:**

- What questions do you have concerning this proverb?
- How does this proverb play out in your personal life or within the culture around us?
- Is there a Biblical story where you see this proverb in action?

This Week's Proverbs:

1. Proverbs 12:25-26
2. Proverbs 13:14-17
3. Proverbs 14:12-14
4. Proverbs 15:1-4

Digging Deeper: B.L.E.S.S

This weekend, Pastor Joel shared about a study idea of blessors and converters. Blessors impact resulted in a higher amount of social good and social value. Converters have less of a social impact. Blessors had about fifty times as many people come to the faith as converters did. In other words, to reach out and help people find their way to wisdom and their way to Christ, we've got to be blessors. **Live a life of blessing that pours out blessing.**

Here are five practical ways to B.L.E.S.S. others this week. Jot down your ideas for each application and then live on mission this week with each step below:

1. **Begin With Prayer:** Prayer is the birth place of vision for your mission. When we pray for others, we are encouraging and lifting them up to God. Who in your life do you need to be in prayer for or with? What places do you need to circle in prayer, boldly asking for God to show up? (the metro, your workplace, your home, your family, etc).
 - a. **Action:** Spend time in prayer this week and commit to praying for some specific names.
2. **Listen to:** James says to "be quick to listen and slow to speak". Understanding that every single person is a mentor and has something to teach us, will change the way we listen. Who do you need to seek to understand in a deeper way this week? To be a blessing to someone we must first pause long enough to hear them and see them.
 - a. **Action:** Practice listening well and asking good questions this week. Ask more questions than you give answers.
3. **Eat with:** Life change and meaningful conversation takes place around the table. Ask a friend or neighbor to dinner this week. Grab coffee with a co-worker and simply ask questions and listen to their story. Get curious about who they are and where they have come from and watch God open doors up around some food!
 - a. **Action:** Invite someone out to coffee or for a meal, and share conversation. Ask questions and be curious about their story.
4. **Serve:** Serving is at the heart of Christ. It's a way of leading and caring for others. How can you go above and beyond by serving someone this week? What area can you push the envelope in to really serve someone in a significant way, showing them the heart of Christ?
 - a. **Action:** Think of a few names and then think of one specific way to serve them this week (beyond the normal, routine) and then DO IT with the heart of Christ.
5. **Story:** Doing the above will allow you to catch a glimpse (or more) of their story. One question to think about here is : What is the difference Jesus has made in your life?

- a. **Action:** Write down parts of your story and then share your faith story with a trusted friend or family member.