

Series - Be Wise (3 of 22)

Date/s - 26 May 2019

Topic - True Wisdom Comes From The Spirit

Speaker/s - Ps. William Lee

WELCOME [15 min]

You may want to look up the following websites for *icebreakers* suitable for your cell.

1. www.thesource4ym.com/games/
2. <http://www.christianitytoday.com/smallgroups/articles/icebreakersbeyond.html>
(Go To LEAD and click on Icebreakers)

WORSHIP [15 min]

You may select songs like "One Thing Remains", "O Praise The Name (Anástasis)", "When I Survey" or "Lift Up Your Eyes".

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the cell discussion, cell members will:

1. Be determined to seek God's wisdom rather than lean on human wisdom.
2. Be able to identify several obstacles that prevent them from seeking God's wisdom.
3. Be able to identify immediate areas in which to apply God's wisdom.

WORD [45 min]

This sermon continues the series "Be Wise". Preaching out of 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Pastor William began by sharing the summary statement of his sermon – "Orientate your life according to God's wisdom, not man's."

a) Human Wisdom Is Not Trustworthy

He then went on to show that human wisdom cannot be trusted because it is corrupted (Ezekiel 28:1-3, 17), transient/does not last (vs 6; 1 Peter 1:24) and incomplete (vs 8; 1 Corinthians 13:12). Therefore, we must never place our confidence in human wisdom. As Christians, we must choose to depend on God's wisdom instead.

b) How We Receive God's Wisdom

God's wisdom is transmitted from the heart of God to the heart of man via the Holy Spirit through revelation (vs 10-12; Proverbs 2:6), inspiration (vs 13) and illumination (vs. 14-16). As a believer, we all have the Holy Spirit living within us. He is the One who will guide us into all truth (Eph 1:8; John 16:13). Therefore, God's wisdom is readily available to us.

c) Practical Steps To Depend On God's Wisdom

Ps. William then went on to give 3 practical steps on how we can lean more on God's wisdom:

- a) Weigh every decision through the lens of God's wisdom (Ephesians 5:15-17).
- b) Have the correct posture and ask God to open our spiritual eyes (Psalm 119:18; James 1:5).
- c) Make room for the Holy Spirit's guidance in your daily life (John 14:26; Galatians 5:25).

d) Conclusion

Ps. William concluded by sharing the purpose of God's wisdom. God gives us spiritual wisdom so that we can

live lives that are obedient to His will for us. And God's will is always good because He is a good Father! We were created to bring glory to God. Therefore, we need to seek God's wisdom on how we can glorify Him in every arena of our lives. Spiritual wisdom is always inextricably tied to obedience, which glorifies God.

Discussion Questions

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 2:6-16. Ps. William showed us that human wisdom is corrupted, transient and incomplete. Share with the group a time in your life when you walked through the bad consequences of depending on your own wisdom rather than seeking God's wisdom.** [15 min]
2. **"Ultimately, spiritual wisdom is inextricably tied to obedience." The goal of seeking spiritual wisdom is to live a life of obedience to God. Because God is always good, our obedience to Him will always result in a blessed life (Psalm 1). What do you think prevents you from seeking God's wisdom in matters in life? Examining our individual lives, why do you think we have the tendency to omit seeking God for wisdom in our everyday life?**
[15 min]
3. **Jesus, in the moment of His greatest trial uttered these words – "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done (Luke 22:42)." In what areas of your life right now do you need to seek God's wisdom and not lean on your own wisdom; to lay aside your "wants", your "rights" and your "entitlements" so that God's wisdom will have preeminence?** [15 min]

WORKS [10 min]

Let's pray:

1. Every RiverLifer will intentionally seek God's will for the various arenas of their lives.
2. Every RiverLifer will have a greater level of obedience as a result of seeking God's wisdom for their lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **SPYCES**
Suns, 30 Jun – 28 Jul | 1:45 – 5.00pm | Faith Chapel

Spiritual Parenting Of Young Couples. Register at the Information Counter by 16 June 2019. For enquiries, please contact Christine Tan at 65114141 or email her at christinetan@riverlife.org.sg.

2. **Filipino Combined Service**
Reflecting His Glory (Speaker: Pastor Tony Lee)
Sun, 9 Jun | 2pm | Victory Chapel

Great opportunity to invite your Filipino colleagues and their families, as well as domestic helper to come experience the love of Christ and gather in community with others from their hometown.
There will be a time of fellowship over tea reception after service

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“A radiant disciple-making church catalysing Kingdom transformation in our communities and the nations.”

Mission:

We exist to make disciples who behold Christ and reveal Him.