

	<p style="text-align: center;">WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">– Proverbs 1:5</p> <p>Men have always needed wisdom. We need help to make decisions about work; all relationships – in speech and conduct; who to trust - or avoid; along with being measured by the plumb line of true character. Wisdom from Proverbs offers insight into the concrete experiences of human life that help us take charge of our lives.</p> <p>Proverbs is about how to live out your faith in God. There is no true wisdom apart from Jesus. Fools are those who rely on their own knowledge to navigate life.</p> <p>In this study, we will look and listen to hear God’s voice and see his Son shining through the book of Proverbs. We will be equipped in every way for our journey! So, let’s dig in!</p>	
<p>Highland Colony Men’s Roundtable www.MensTable.com</p>	<p>WISDOM FOR THE JOURNEY: Knowing the Spheres – The True Wisdom of God</p> <p>A man needs wisdom for his journey. We can find that wisdom in Proverbs as we are pointed to Jesus.</p>	<p>Nov 14, 2024</p>
<p>Scripture: Mark 6:1,2; Proverbs 2:1-5; Matthew 7:13, 14; Luke 11:31, 32; Matthew 11:18, 19; Matthew 11:28-30; Colossians 1:15-17; Colossians 2:1-3</p> <p>Music: Big Daddy Weave: "My Story" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvaJPzouUDM</p> <p>Video: The Chosen Scene: Jesus Gives the Beatitudes - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5OnF3sg0cY</p> <p>Resources - <i>GOD’S WISDOM for NAVIGATING LIFE</i> by Timothy Keller</p> <p><i>PROVERBS FOR YOU</i> by Kathleen Nielson</p>		

KNOWING JESUS – WHO IS JESUS?

1. _____ – Mark 6:1, 2 → Jesus was the ultimate teacher of wisdom. Jesus presents “two paths” (Proverbs 2:1-5 and Matthew 7:13-14), but he shows that the path to life is the gospel. He explains how we can be both sinners deserving punishment and God’s children under his care. In Christ we are simultaneously spiritually lost sinners yet fully justified in God’s sight and loved.
2. _____ – Luke 11:31, 32 → Proverbs was assembled by Solomon. Solomon said to wait for God to punish the wrongdoer (24:12), but Jesus took their punishment himself. Solomon said that God is a defender of the oppressed (23:10-11), but Jesus came to become a victim of injustice and stand in the very place of the oppressed. Solomon calls us to write his teaching on our hearts (3:3), but Jesus sends his Spirit to write God’s word on our hearts (II Corinthians 3:3).
3. _____ – Matthew 11:18-19 → Proverbs 8 depicts wisdom as an actual person with whom God created the world. Proverbs 1-9 personifies God’s wisdom as a woman whom we must know personally if we are to live a wise life. Colossians 1:15-17 and John 1:1-6 tell us that it was Jesus himself who was present with the Father at creation. In short, as Proverbs calls all people to become wise by entering into a relationship with the wisdom that created the world, so the gospel and the indwelling Spirit of God, through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Christianity’s deepest secret of wisdom comes not through massive learning and education but through an intimate relationship with a humble man who was as willing to identify with a wise woman as with Solomon and the kings of old.
4. _____ – Matthew 11:28-30 → In Jewish writings God’s wisdom is depicted as calling people to take on wisdom’s yoke and to get the rest of soul that comes to the wise. Fools are wise in their own eyes—and so they are always chafing because they feel they are not getting respect, or not getting their due. They also want instant gratification. In all these ways a lack of wisdom means a lack of restfulness and contentment. When Jesus calls us to take on his yoke and come to him for rest, he is saying, “I am the true wisdom.”
5. _____ – Colossians 1:15-17 → We all know that leadership heals what is broken by uniting what is fragmented. In Jesus, the true wisdom through whom the world was created, things *hold together*. Outside of Jesus is chaos and disorder. To choose that instead of choosing to be under the lordship of the one who created you and all things is folly. To the degree you are under Jesus’s lordship, you will grow in wisdom and see your life being healed. Inside each of our sinful hearts is a desire for no rules, no master. In Jesus, we have found what we were looking for!
6. _____ – Colossians 2:1-3 → Infinite treasures of wisdom and knowledge are *in* him. The wisdom of Christ comes as much through communing with him in our hearts as through studying him with our minds. Proverbs constantly insists that wisdom takes time to develop, and this makes sense if wisdom is a person and we have to learn how he thinks, what his attitudes are, and what actions would please him. We need to make the time to know Jesus in his Word and become wise.

ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. Where are you in your spiritual journey?
2. Is Jesus real to you through an intimate relationship or is he “a glorious abstraction?”
3. When did you bow the knee to Jesus as the true King that your soul desires?



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SCRIPTURE – The Message

Mark 6:1,2 - 1 He left there and returned to his hometown. His disciples came along. **2** On the Sabbath, he gave a lecture in the meeting place. He made a real hit, impressing everyone. "We had no idea he was this good!" they said. "How did he get so wise all of a sudden, get such ability?"

Proverbs 2:1-5 - 1 Good friend, take to heart what I'm telling you; collect my counsels and guard them with your life. **2** Tune your ears to the world of Wisdom; set your heart on a life of Understanding. **3** That's right - if you make Insight your priority, and won't take no for an answer, **4** Searching for it like a prospector panning for gold, like an adventurer on a treasure hunt, **5** Believe me, before you know it Fear-of-God will be yours; you'll have come upon the Knowledge of God.

Matthew 7:13, 14 - 13 "Don't look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don't fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. **14** The way to life - to God! - is vigorous and requires total attention.

Luke 11:31, 32 - 31 "On Judgment Day the Ninevites will stand up and give evidence that will condemn this generation, because when Jonah preached to them they changed their lives. A far greater preacher than Jonah is here, and you squabble about 'proofs.' **32** On Judgment Day the Queen of Sheba will come forward and bring evidence that condemns this generation, because she traveled from a far corner of the earth to listen to wise Solomon. Wisdom far greater than Solomon's is right in front of you, and you quibble over 'evidence.'

Matthew 11:18, 19 - 18 John came fasting and they called him crazy. **19** I came feasting and they called me a lush, a friend of the riff-raff. Opinion polls don't count for much, do they? The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

Matthew 11:28-30 - 28 "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. **29** Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. **30** Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Colossians 1:15-17 - 15 We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created.

16 For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels - everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. **17** He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment.

Colossians 2:1-3 - 1 I want you to realize that I continue to work as hard as I know how for you, and also for the Christians over at Laodicea. Not many of you have met me face-to-face, but that doesn't make any difference. Know that I'm on your side, right alongside you. You're not in this alone. **2** I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery. **3** All the richest treasures of wisdom and knowledge are embedded in that mystery and nowhere else. And we've been shown the mystery!

"My Story" By Big Daddy Weave

<p>If I told you my story You would hear Hope that wouldn't let go And if I told you my story You would hear Love that never gave up And if I told you my story You would hear Life, but it wasn't mine If I should speak then let it be Of the grace that is greater than all my sin Of when justice was served and where mercy wins Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in Oh to tell you my story is to tell of Him If I told you my story You would hear victory over the enemy</p>	<p>And if I told you my story You would hear freedom that was won for me And if I told you my story You would hear Life overcome the grave If I should speak then let it be Of the grace that is greater than all my sin Of when justice was served and where mercy wins Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in Oh to tell you my story is to tell of Him This is my story, this is my song Praising my savior all the day long This is my story, this is my song Praising my savior all the day long</p>	<p>For the grace that is greater than all my sin Of when justice was served and where mercy wins Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in Oh to tell you my story is to tell Of the grace that is greater than all my sin Of when justice was served and where mercy wins Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in Oh to tell you my story is to tell of Him Oh to tell you my story is to tell of Him This is my story, this is my song Praising my Savior all the day long</p>
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