

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]

Leader's Notes: *This is an ice-breaker question. This question is meant to connect different ones within the cell to the topic as well as to each other. It encourages openness in sharing and authenticity.*

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]

Leader's Notes: *This is a "self-examination" and relate question. This question is meant to help cell members to examine their lives deeper and to truly understand why one constantly chooses to depend on human wisdom rather than on God's wisdom. The reasons may be varied – busyness, pride, ignorance, etc. However, the core issue is one of Lordship. If Jesus is Lord over our lives, His will for every arena of our lives should be important to us because we exist to glorify Him. Therefore, identifying these obstacles is important in order to move towards greater obedience in our lives.*

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 speaks of people who aren't spiritual not receiving the truths from the Holy Spirit. This is because being tied to the flesh and worldly wisdom, Godly wisdom sounds like foolishness and we can become dull to God's Word which have been spoken into our lives. Only when we adopt a spiritual perspective, we can have the mind of Christ, understanding God's truths and be truly wise!

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]

Leader's Notes: *This is a response question. The goal of the question is to take the teachings within the message and to practically translate it into everyday living. We can only receive God's Wisdom when we are prepared to deny ourselves (put aside our wants, our pride and our entitlements). In this segment, the cell leader is encouraged to help facilitate an environment where members can share with transparency and openness without anyone judging them. Some of the areas that your members can potentially share on are:*

- Parenting
- Married life / Life as a single
- Managing work-life and relationships within the workplace
- Managing student life amid a culturally seductive culture
- Stewardship of life (finances, time, lifestyle, commitments, etc)

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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Mission:

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