



Passcode Week 3 – Prioritize Relationships Spiritual Formation Guide

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Scripture:

"Let those with understanding receive guidance."

Proverbs 1:5

"Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others."

Proverbs 12:15

"Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."

Proverbs 13:20

"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

Matthew 16:25-26

Reflection Questions:

- Who is one person you respect? Why?
- What stood out to you from Sunday's service? How did you sense God encouraging and challenging you through the songs, the message, and being with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Read several of the wise sayings from Proverbs: Proverbs 1:5, Proverbs 12:15, and Proverbs 13:20. What do you notice?
- Eddie shared that "there's no shortage of advice in the world." Do you agree? Why?
- Eddie shared 3 encouragements to us as we pursue wisdom and advice:

- BE DISCERNING – require credibility and determination from mentors. Make sure they have your best interest at heart.
- BE OPEN - don't reach the place where you aren't receptive to good advice.
- BE IMPARTIAL - there is no individual who can give you all the truth you need.

Which of these stand out as the encouragement that you most need to hear and apply? Why?

- Eddie shared, “there is no individual who can give you all the truth you need.” Who are some of the people God has put in your life who are wise? (Try naming several, rather than just one person.)
- Read Matthew 16:25-26. How do these words from Jesus challenge you today? How do they comfort you? How can you listen to his voice today?
- Is there anything else from this teaching that you want to explore more?
- Take time to pray and surrender to God as you close your time of reflection or discussion.

Want some resources and ideas for how to grow spiritually?

We are spotlighting our resource, “**How to Pray and Read the Bible,**” which you can get at our Next Steps Area or access online at https://www.wschurch.org/content/pdf/How2PrayBible_Digital.pdf. Visit www.wschurch.org/resources to see additional tools and resources.

Message Main Points and Scripture:

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- Proverbs 12:15 – “Fools think their own way is right, but the wise listen to others.”
- Proverbs 13:20 – “Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.”
- Proverbs 13:20 – “Hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.”
- **Don't take advice from people who ignore God's advice!**
- **There is no shortage of advice in the world.**
- **BE DISCERNING**
- Proverbs 14:7 – “Stay away from fools, for you won't find knowledge on their lips.”
- **credibility**
- **BE OPEN**
- Ecclesiastes 4:13 – “It is better to be a poor but wise youth than an old and foolish king who refuses all advice.”
- **BE IMPARTIAL.**
- **There is no individual who can give you all the truth you need.**
- Proverbs 15:22 – “Plans go wrong for lack of advice; many advisers bring success.”
- Proverbs 14:12 – “There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”
- Matthew 16:25-26 - “If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.”