

THANK YOU
FOR JOINING US TODAY!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY: BAPTISMS

1pm at 1371 Solomon Road
Join us for baptisms and Nacho Bar Lunch!
If your last name begins:

A-L: a Nacho Taco Meat (Chicken, Ground Beef, Carne Asada...)
M-Z: Desserts - 2-3 dozen finger friendly desserts
(COOKIES, cookie bars, cupcakes)

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

THIS FRIDAY 6-9pm
AND SATURDAY 9-3pm
Registration begins at 5:30pm on Friday night
\$15 per person plus lunch on Saturday
Childcare is available with RSVP only

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COUNTER-CULTURE PART 1

Today's Verses:

1 Corinthians 8:2-3	James 3:13-16
1 Corinthians 8:1	Isaiah 3:12
James 1:22	1 Corinthians 5:12



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COUNTER-CULTURE PART 1

Discussion Key

Red – Easy level, not much intimacy

Blue – Intended to dig a bit deeper

Black – Designed to create deeper conversation

We are starting a new series today that takes a trek through the book of Proverbs. Proverbs is not a linear book that travels a straight path from A to B, it is a textual/topical book with wisdom shared from various sages who lived during the Old Testament time period. Proverbs is about wisdom that teaches us to live in true freedom. As followers of Jesus we aren't against the culture in which we live, we are for creating something that honors Jesus in all things.

We are for freedom instead of slavery, we are for hope instead of despair, we are for life instead of death...we are for the good news that God brings. A frame work for the book of Proverbs must be centered and shown to bring about a cultural mandate or we can turn it into some type of self-help book. The theme of Proverbs is wisdom.

There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Biblically speaking, knowledge is good, we should learn things; knowledge is the learning of facts and principles about reality and life. But knowledge should always move us to the place of wisdom, where it becomes lived out in practical ways, or it will destroy and not build up.

Knowledge alone often leads to pride so we must understand that knowledge is principles and wisdom is practice. Knowledge is listening and learning, wisdom is doing what we know to be true. True wisdom always leads to Jesus.

Introduction

One of the first things wisdom brings is humility (not arrogance). Becoming wise means you have probably made many mistakes in life and that tends to make you humble. True wisdom comes from God and causes humility, unity, good deeds, and the forward proclamation of the Good News of what God has done.

Discussion

Who is the wisest person you know, why?

Explanation

How have you seen knowledge in others lead to pride?

When are you the most humble?

Application Read James 3:13-16

Have you ever ignored God because you were full of pride?

How have you let your own arrogance lead you to look down on others?

What is something in your life right now that could lead to wisdom if you would be humble about it?

Mission – Read Genesis 50:20

How can we live out a counter-culture of “wisdom” and not knowledge?

What truths can you speak specifically into others' lives in humbleness that will help them move from knowledge to wisdom?

How can we live true wisdom without coming across as arrogant?

Homework: Read Proverbs 2:1-5

How does God's wisdom turn the world right-side up?