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UPCOMING EVENTS:

CONNECT PARTY

TONIGHT at 5pm

All are welcome to our Connect Party, designed to help you build relationships with other people who attend or are new to Element as well as get to know some Element leadership. Light Appetizers and Desserts will be provided.
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Today's Verses:

2 Corinthians 7:1	Proverbs 10:27	Exodus 8:14-11:10
Psalm 14:1	Proverbs 14:26	Acts 5:1-11
Proverbs 9:19	Proverbs 14:27	1 Cor 11:17-32
Isaiah 6:4-5	Proverbs 15:33	Revelation 14:14-20
Proverbs 1:29-31	Proverbs 19:23	Revelation 19:11-21
Proverbs 14:16	Proverbs 22:4	Isaiah 53:10
Proverbs 23:17	Genesis 1-2	2 Cor. 5:21
Proverbs 29:25	Genesis 3:1, 14-15	Proverbs 6:16-19
Proverbs 2:5	Revelation 20:1-10	Proverbs 3:11-12
Proverbs 16:6	Genesis 6:1-7:24	Proverbs 12:1
Proverbs 8:13	Hebrews 11:7	Proverbs 16:6
	Genesis 19:1-29	



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FEAR OF THE LORD PART II

At Element, we are doing a series that is based out of the Old Testament book of Proverbs. Proverbs is part of what is known as the “wisdom literature,” and was meant to give us instruction on how to live in the world in a way that honors who God is. We do this by first honoring God above all things, and then taking the knowledge that we gain in life and live out that knowledge in wisdom. By living in true wisdom we will begin to effect the world around us because we will interact with it differently.

Last week we talked about what is meant when the Bible says to “fear the Lord.” There are two words for fear in the Old Testament, one means **terror** and the other one means **reverence**. In the New Testament the context of a passage will determine what is meant by the word and what type of fear it is. Tim Keller wrote, *“The fear of God, the holy fear, is an inward condition of awe and amazement before the glory and the wonder and the power and the grace of this God.”*

There are cultural effects of fearing God and not fearing God properly. When we don’t properly “fear” God our lives begin to suffer and it leads to a misunderstanding of our knowledge. Not fearing God leads to us running to our own desires because we think we are the king. Not fearing God also leads us to a place where we start to create our own truth, and listen to others above Him.

When we have a proper fear of God we begin to listen to what He says; we trust Him in all things. Proverbs reminds us that we don’t follow God because of what we get out of it, Proverbs tells us many positive things that can come by loving God first.

Introduction

The Good news is that no matter how bad we have messed up and no matter how good we think we are, the grace of Jesus has been extended to us so we can walk in wisdom, be restored, and live a life that honors Jesus in all we do.

Discussion Key

Red – Easy level, not much intimacy

Blue – Intended to dig a bit deeper

Black – Designed to create deeper conversation

Discussion

What is the dumbest thing you have seen someone else do that a little bit of fear might have stopped them from doing?

What’s the dumbest thing you have done that a little fear might have stopped you from doing?

Explanation – Read Proverbs 1:29-31

Do you think there are effects of not properly fearing God?

What are they?

Has fear ever been a positive motivator for you?

Application – Read Proverbs 6:16-19

Have you ever done any of the things listed in verses above?

Have you ever boasted about something you should have repented of instead?

How have you seen people who you perceived as less wise than yourself love God more whole heartedly than you?

Have you ever wanted what they have?

Mission – Read Proverbs 16:6

How can we speak of our reverence for God as a father in a tangible way?

How can we make a difference in our communities by properly fearing the Lord?