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TITLE Introduction

SERIES What is wisdom? When is it apparent? How is it gained? Jesus answers these questions when He says wisdom begins with good character. Join us as we look at the character traits Jesus identifies as building blocks for wisdom.

INTRODUCTION

Happiness is found **IN** wisdom and wisdom is found **THROUGH** character and character is found **WITH** Jesus.

DISCUSSION

1. Where is your happy place? What happens if you aren't able to be in that happy place? What are some things you thought would make you happy, but they fell short? Pastor David said, *The way we become happy is to become wise*. Share a time when wisdom led to happiness in your life.
2. Read **Matthew 7:24-29**. Who is Jesus speaking about, literally and symbolically, in these six verses? Where is wisdom seen in this passage? Share a time you were able to withstand a crisis because you consistently build your life on the Rock. (1 Corinthians 10:4) Brainstorm practical ways to invest in building your life on Christ, the Rock.
3. How would you explain the difference between worldly wisdom and Godly wisdom? What does Paul say about both worldly and Godly wisdom in **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**? Do you think getting wisdom is a command for Christ-followers, a suggestion, or a by-product of a Christ-follower's spiritual growth?
4. Pastor David shared three biblical definitions for wisdom. Look up each verse which further supports and explains these three biblical definitions for wisdom:
 - Hearing and Doing God's Word – **Proverbs 9:10**
 - Humbly becoming who God wants – **Proverbs 11:2**
 - Mature judgment beyond human reasoning – **1 Kings 3:16-28**
5. Pastor David stated the reason God wants His children to follow what He said is because He has their best interest in mind. After reading **Romans 8:26-30**, share words or phrases supporting this reason. Why is it important for us to hear and do God's Word? What happens if we don't? Read **James 1:22-24**.
6. Humility is the key to becoming who God wants you to be. Share a time you knew God was asking you to do (Grab On) or to not do something (Let Go). What was your greatest struggle in obeying the voice of the Lord? How will repentance nurture humility in one's life according to **Psalms 51:1-12**?
7. Wisdom is mature judgment beyond human reasoning. Have you ever done something that conflicted with human reasoning but you knew was mature judgment? Explain the experience and how you knew it was the right thing to do. **1 Kings 3:16-28**
8. To get wisdom we must desire it, study it, ask for it, prepare for it, and surrender to it. Which do you struggle with most in your pursuit for wisdom? Is there one you feel most comfortable with and could walk beside another in their pursuit for wisdom? Why should a Christ-follower eagerly pursue wisdom - **Proverbs 2?**

CLOSING *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil.* **Proverbs 3:5-7**