

WEEK 7 | LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CONNECT

• What would you consider to be the wisest decision you have ever made?

CONSIDER

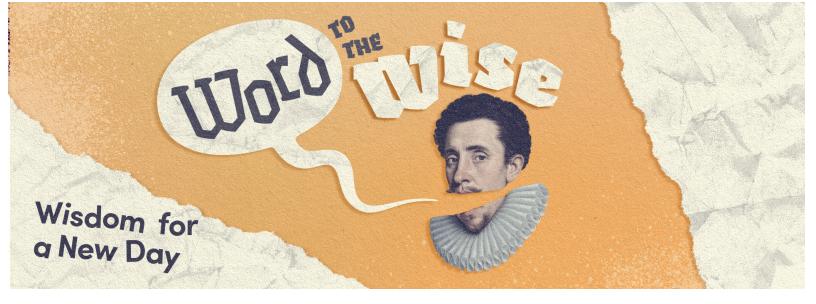
• What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

CHRIST

• Charles Spurgeon said, "Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom." How does this quote encourage or challenge your view of wisdom?

Read Proverbs 18:1 & James 1:5 as a group.

- Many times we lack wisdom because we don't seek it out. That could be from a spiritual laziness in asking or unwillingness to learn (ignorance is bliss). With the wisdom of Proverbs and James in mind, how are you intentionally seeking and growing in wisdom?
- What if God's wisdom were guardrails motivated by love and not control? What if restrictions were about bringing freedom and not frustration? Dave Stone shared 3 popular beliefs in society surrounding the wisdom of God: God's objective isn't what's best for me, God is too controlling of my life, and God doesn't know as much as I do. How have you seen these 3 beliefs play out in your life? Which of these resonates with your relationship with God?
- One or all of these beliefs can become identity or faith shaping. Just reading them creates a
 tension inside of us, because it is a faith struggle. But, God's wisdom speaks to these 3
 popular beliefs. Take a moment to read Jeremiah 29:11, Luke 16:10a, and Proverbs 14:12 as
 a group. What are the Godly wisdom truths from these passages, and how do they
 counteract false truths of the 3 beliefs?
- This weekend, Dave asked a big question, "Do you really want to have the responsibility of God without having the power of God?" **How does this question challenge you?**



- God's ways and wisdom are freeing. This weekend we shared 3 reasons why: whoever creates the universe gets to make the rules (Proverbs 8:35), obedience to God's rules will always lead to freedom (Proverbs 22:), the One who pays the price determines who gets the grace (Romans 8:1). Take a moment to look up each passage connected to each reason. How have God's ways and wisdom been freeing for you (spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically, etc...)?
- Gallup released a poll of their comprehensive research to determine the percentage of mental health decline of Americans from 2019 to 2020. Their findings revealed that in every category, a person's mental health declined except for one. The only category in 2020 that had a positive number where Mental Health IMPROVED was religious service attendance. Those who attended church weekly and were connected to a community generated positive emotional health during the Pandemic. What kind of impact has our life group had on you? How can we better encourage, care, and grow alongside each other?

CALLING

- What is hindering you from seeking wisdom? Reflect over these false beliefs: God's objective isn't what's best for me, God is too controlling of my life, and God doesn't know as much as I do. Ask God for wisdom to see what's hindering, so that you can run free with Him.
- To continue having the Best Summer Ever, check out these suggested resources at mynorthside.com/bestsummerever.
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in Northside's App for Daily Devotions.
- **Memorize**: "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.." James 1:5
- Further Study: Wisdom reading plan (Proverbs & Ecclesiastes) from the *Best Summer Ever* resources.