

Connect Group notes - Week 1 - Wise up to decision making



Cluster time

As you host the cluster time, welcome people as they join and explain what's going to happen....

Ask people to introduce themselves, *name and favourite pudding!!*

Ask if anyone has a short story of God at work

Introduce the theme of wisdom when it comes to decision making...

Ask this question or one like it...."*what's one piece of wisdom you can remember someone giving you?*" (*be willing to go first, keep it light and fun*)

Pray for everyone then say goodbye as they head into their group....

Start thinking

Read 2 Chronicles 1 v. 7-12

- If you were in Solomon's position what 1 thing might you have asked for?
- What does wisdom mean to you?
- In what ways is wisdom different from intelligence or intellect?
- In what ways are our decisions like a steering wheel?
- What factors can influence our decision making that we should beware of?

Start sharing

- When have you found decision making particularly difficult or challenging?

Read Proverbs 12 v.15-16

- The Bible often contrasts wise and foolish people, what are some characteristics of both from your experience?

If wisdom is worth more than gold and silver it's worth pursuing! How do we get wisdom especially when it comes to decision making.....let's look at the 3 ideas shared Sunday...

Fear God - Read Proverbs 9 v.10.

- What does it mean to you to fear God?

Ask God - Read James 1 v.5

- What's your experience of asking God for wisdom and maybe when you haven't?

Walk with the wise - Read Proverbs 13 v.20

- Practically what does this mean and what should it look like?

Start praying

- Spend some time praying for each other, has anyone got a decision that's challenging to make right now and asking for wisdom?
- Has anyone got a regret due to a decision they've made or someone else has made and they need Gods help in dealing with that?

Start doing

- What's 1 thing you **will do** to ensure you are seeking wisdom when it comes to decision making?

Going deeper....if your group wants to dig a little deeper....

Proverbs 4 v.6-7 - what do these verses say to you about wisdom?

1 Cor. 1 v.30 - this verse says Jesus is wisdom itself, what does this mean and what are the implications for us?

Proverbs often talks about 3 types of people, wise, foolish and evil.

Find some verses that talk about all 3 and see what you can draw from those verses....