

Cell Notes – Sunday 29th January 2012

‘Becoming a wise person’

Welcome: To whom you have gone to get wise advice?

Worship: Proverbs 24:32 teaches us that lessons can be learnt by observing and reflecting. From observing and reflecting on God’s glory in creation or reading and meditating on his Word we can become wise. Read Psalm 19:1-7 and pause to observe and reflect on what we can ‘see’ of God. Share your thoughts. Sing a song of praise to the God of creation.

Word: Wisdom is defined as **‘Skill in Living’**: skill in relating to God, skill in relating to people and skill in relating to all sorts of situations we might face.

- Share an occasion recently when you have been aware of your need for wisdom.
- Luke 2:52 tells us that ‘Jesus grew in wisdom’. Identify occasions in Jesus’ life and ministry where he demonstrated great wisdom.
- Read Proverbs 1:1- 7
- What is the purpose of the book?
- For whom is the book written?
- The term: ‘The fear of the Lord’ occurs over 100 times in the Bible, and over 19 times in the book of Proverbs. What do you think it means?
- Solomon calls those who despise wisdom ‘fools’. Can you identify an occasion when you might have fallen into that category?
- Verses 8-19 warn us against being ‘enticed’, ‘drawn in’ and the consequence of such temptation (v19). Notice how Jesus expresses this (Matthew 7:13). How can we encourage one another to guard our hearts from being enticed along a path that ‘leads to destruction’?

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