



STUDY GUIDE

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Message Series:
Message Title:
Teaching Pastor:

Oh Brother
Wisdom and Leadership
Brian Hughes

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

What is your favorite wisdom one-liner? Perhaps this was wisdom passed down from a relative?

Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, we long to be in Your holy presence. We know that You are beside us as we learn. We know we lack wisdom and that we can ask You for it. Bring understanding to our minds as Your teachings are revealed to us. You who are all-knowing and wise, teach us Your ways. We seek Your wisdom and desire to search for it as if it's a hidden treasure. Thank You that we can do that together now. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Get Started:

- Who is the wisest person you know? Why do you regard them as such?

"God gives wisdom generously and without finding fault for your prior unwise choices and He gives wisdom to all who ask Him for it. You want to be wise, ask the one who is. And then pursue wisdom! If wisdom comes from God, and if God has promised to give it to me, then I want to go after it. I want to pursue it. I want to DO all I can to GET all I can of it. As with most things I pray for, God grants it as I also chase after it. How to get wisdom? Ask God for it AND proactively chase after it." -Pastor Brian Hughes

- Have you ever chased something in your life so hard that you would stop at nothing to get it (you would have sacrificed everything if you could just get that thing)? What have you pursued that hard?
- Do you chase wisdom with the same tenacity? Why or why not?

Watch and Discuss Video: (running time 15 min.)

Read James 1:2-8 & James 3:17.

- What does it mean to have joy in the testing of your faith, in times of trial? Why did James connect verses 1:4 & 1:5, perseverance and gaining wisdom, together?
- What might be the difference between the faith/character of a believer never exposed to trials (if there were such a thing) and a believer who had faced many trials and passed the test?
- Share an example of a trial you have faced. What did you learn from it? Would you say you became more mature and complete? Does this knowledge affect your future trials?

Read Proverbs 2:1-10, 4:1-13, 9:10, and 24:14.

- How should we regard wisdom according to these verses? How do these Proverbs suggest we live this out?

Reflect and Commit:

Read Colossians 2:2-3.

Pastor Brian shared these strategies for gaining wisdom.

1. Ask God for it.
2. Hang out where wisdom is displayed.
3. Spend time with wise people.
4. Read wise thinkers.

- Do you seek wisdom in all of the above ways as described by Pastor Brian? Why or why not? Give examples. Which category above is your strongest? weakest?
- Name one thing you would like to do to seek wisdom more. Do you have someone to help make you accountable?

"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." -Einstein

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.

Proverbs 3:13

Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to view life from Your perspective – always keeping an eye toward eternity. In gaining wisdom we can walk in the path You lay before us. Help us to learn how to be more understanding, kind, patient and compassionate toward our brother just as You were when You walked the earth and came to save us. Bless us with divine understanding so that we could one day teach others the same. In Christ's mighty name. Amen.