

The Gospel Changes Everything *Small Group Discussion*

TWO GOSPEL WISDOM VS. GOSPEL FOOLISHNESS

DISCUSSION OVERVIEW

Discuss and reflect on how we can make more wise vs. foolish decisions in our lives.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Why have so many efforts to change our world proven ineffective, or even destructive? What does it mean to be a faithful presence of Christ in this world? This series will explore how the church can play a role in affecting positive change. The gospel, rather than politics or worldly power or wealth or social media or reclusiveness, changes everything.

LOOK *What do we see around us and in our lives?*

Where this week did you see people act wisely or foolishly? What were the results of these decisions?

BOOK *What does Scripture say about this?*

Proverbs 1:7

⁷The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. ²⁶But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

I Corinthians 1:30

³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

What is our source of wisdom?

How do we make wise decisions? What influences our decisions?

Which voices are speaking into your decisions too quietly or too loudly?

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How does this passage/discussion fit into the story of the Gospel?

Story of the Good News of Jesus.

Creation

God makes all things and they are good

Fall

God's people turn away from God, things are broken. Death and sin rule over all things.

Redemption

God, through Jesus' death and resurrection, rescues his people and defeats death and sin.

Restoration

Jesus returns to be with his people, end all brokenness, and make all things right.

THE GOSPEL *The Good News of Jesus.*

How does the gospel allow us to make wise decisions?

How do we slow down and listen versus overreacting or overreaching?

How can we be a faithful presence to encourage wisdom over foolishness?

Accountability/Reflection

Share and pray for each other

TOOK *What will you take away from today's discussion? Possible questions to consider:*

Consider what God is telling you to stop, start, change, or continue.

What part of the gospel do you forget and need to remember this week?

Who do you know who needs to know the truth you discussed today?