

Community Group Growth Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday's message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. When you think about your faith walk, do you think there is any difference between your example on Sunday and the way you live your life throughout the week? If so, in what way? Why? If not, can you think of a time when this was true about you?
3. Walk in Solomon's shoes for a moment: If you were to write down wise words for your children, what areas of life would you touch on? As a child, what would you most want to know?
4. In Proverbs 1:4, who are "the simple"? Why would they need prudence? Why the emphasis on "knowledge and discretion" for the youth?
5. What are the "actions of the wise" in Proverbs 1:5-6? Put this in your own words. How do you practically obey these verses?
6. According to Proverbs 1:7, what is the "beginning" of knowledge (or wisdom)? What do you think this means?

Living on Mission

1. If you were to put yourself into a category, which would you choose: child, simple, youth, wise, fool? What is God saying to you through these seven verses?
2. Last week we talked about "teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom". How could these verses help you to obey the command of Colossians 3:16-17?
3. Do you believe that how wise you are is directly related to how much time you spend in the word and prayer? How often are you engaging God in His word? How teachable are you?
4. Consider 1 Corinthians 1:20-31 and Proverbs 2:1-12. What is the distinctive about the wisdom of a believer? Where does it come from? Is there a difference between intelligence and wisdom? How can you be wise?

This Week's Reading:

Monday: Proverbs 1:1-7
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 1:20-31
Wednesday: Psalm 49:3-4
Thursday: Proverbs 2:1-12
Friday: Jeremiah 9:23-24
Saturday: Colossians 1:9-10

Additional Resources:

The Joy of Fearing God by Jerry Bridges

Proverbs: Wisdom That Works by Raymond C. Ortlund Jr.

<http://www.desiringgod.org/resource-library/sermons/get-wisdom>

**THE CHURCH AT MARTINSBURG IS CELEBRATING TODAY -
HAPPY 3RD ANNIVERSARY TO EACH ONE OF YOU FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

We thank God for His faithfulness in growing us up and for gifting us with you.

Thank you for your service to Him and to the Church at Martinsburg.

Quarterly Member's Meeting: Today @ 5:00 pm – Comfort Inn at Aikens Center – Childcare provided to age five.

Baby/Child Dedication – Next Sunday – 05/13/12 – go to dedication.martinsburgchurch.org Register now.

Graduate Recognition Sunday – 06/03/12 - go to graduate.martinsburgchurch.org to register.

Moldova Mission: July 5-14 - Total trip cost is \$2,400 due by June 3. Email contact@martinsburgchurch.org or go to missions.martinsburgchurch.org to register.

Order your "I 'heart' My Church" T-shirts now! Visit the table in the lobby to place your order.

Community Groups – Join one Today!

For more information about group meeting times and locations, please visit groups.martinsburgchurch.org.

STUDENT COMMUNITY GROUP: Meeting at Culbertson's Home – Contact Justin at justin.j.culbertson@gmail.com with any questions.

PASTOR ON CALL

If you or your family have an emergency and need to get hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg's Pastor on call.

Missionary Toolbox:

"The true fear of God is a child-like fear. Some of the Puritans used to call it a 'filial fear.' It is a combination of holy respect and glowing love. To fear God is to have a heart that is sensitive to both His Godness and His graciousness. It means to experience great awe and a deep joy simultaneously when one begins to understand who God really is and what He has done for us. Therefore the true fear of God is not a fear that makes a person run away and flee from God. It is a fear that drives him to God. Love for God and fear of Him are, therefore, not at all incompatible. To think that they are is to fail to see the richness of the character of the God we worship. It is to ignore the way in which knowing Him in all of His attributes, and responding appropriately to Him, stretches our emotional capacities to their limit. Scripture portrays the fear of the Lord and the love of the Lord as companion emotions.' So understanding the fear of the Lord is first and foremost understanding the correct posture of the believer, and it's one of deep desperation, servitude and humility before a holy and righteous God who has the ability to destroy us but has not because of the love that He has for us in Christ."

- P. J. Buys with Josh Patterson