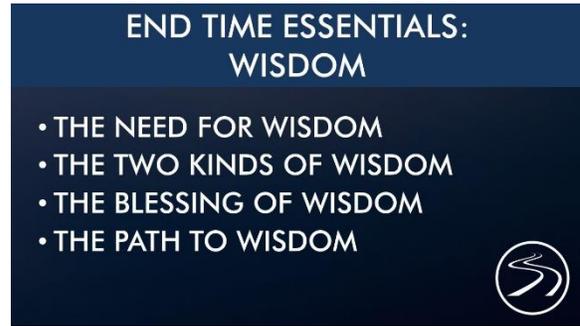


End Time Essentials: Wisdom September 27, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Have you ever known someone who you consider to be especially wise? Why do you view them that way? What is an example of the wisdom you have seen in their life?
2. How desperate are you to grow in wisdom? Do you believe that it is more valuable than gold as it says in Proverbs 16:16?
3. Reflecting on the sermon, what can you do to acquire more wisdom? (for review see Proverbs 8:5, Proverbs 3:7, Psalm 119:98-99, Proverbs 13:20, and James 1:2-5)
4. What did you think of the idea of there being two kinds of wisdom? Read the following Scriptures to explore this idea further:
 - a) Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-30
 - b) Read James 3:13-17
5. Did anything else stand out to you about the sermon? Do you have any questions?
6. Read 1 Kings 3:5-9
 - a) If God gave you any wish, what do you think you would ask for?
 - b) What specifically did Solomon request?
 - c) Now read 1 Kings 3:10-15. What was God's response to Solomon's request? What does this teach you about God and his desire for our lives?
 - d) Now read 1 Kings 10:1-9. In what ways was Solomon's gift of wisdom used for good?
7. Read 1 Kings 11:1-12
 - a) How could Solomon turn away from the Lord like this when he had been so gifted with wisdom?
 - b) What can we learn from Solomon's spiritual ruin? (see 1 Corinthians 10:12 and Matthew 26:41)
 - c) If earthly wisdom can't keep us close to the Lord, what can? (see Hebrews 7:25, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, and John 10:28-29)
8. Spend some time praying that God would give you more and more wisdom. And pray for any specific needs in your group.