

"HOW TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD."

Week 2



Key Scripture/MESSAGE NOTES:

That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

Solomon answered God, "You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. Give me WISDOM and Knowledge, that I might govern the great people of yours.." 2 Chronicles 1:7-10

God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, riches or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, riches and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have." 2 Chronicles 1:11-12

Listen my son to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Proverbs 1:8

WHAT IS WISDOM?

1. WISDOM IS FEARING GOD.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10a

2. WISDOM IS KNOWING WHO GOD IS.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

3. WISDOM IS APPLYING WHAT I KNOW TO BE TRUE

HOW WILL WISDOM BENEFIT ME?

1. WISDOM WILL GUARD AND PROTECT YOU.

Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. Proverbs 4:6

Wisdom will save you from the ways of the wicked men. Proverbs 2:12

Wisdom will keep you from making the wrong turns, or following bad directions. Proverbs 2:12 (Message)

2. WISDOM CAN GIVE YOU CONFIDENCE AND CONTENTMENT.

The Fear-of-GOD builds up confidence, and makes a world safe for your children. Proverbs 14:6

The fear of the LORD leads to life: Then one rests content, untouched by trouble. Proverbs 19:23

3. WISDOM BRINGS HONOR

Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Proverbs 3:4

4. WISDOM WILL BUILD YOUR HOME.

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established. Proverbs 24:3

The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down. Proverbs 14:1

WHERE CAN I GET IT?

1. WALK WITH WISE PEOPLE.

He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20

2. BY ASKING GOD FOR IT.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5

3. LISTEN FOR IT AND MAKE A DECISION.

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights along the way, where the paths meet. Proverbs 8:1

So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. 1 Thessalonians 3:1

The LORD says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Psalm 32:8 NLT

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's your last decision you can remember, big or small? How did you make it?
- Do you ever just ask God for discernment? What happens?

START THINKING. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read Psalm 32:8. Do you think like this? What role does God play in your decisions?
- In retrospect, how do you determine if a decision you made was a good one or a bad one?

START SHARING Choose questions that create openness.

- Read Proverbs 13:20. Where do you need wisdom in your life? How will you find the right people?
- Revisit Psalm 32:8. How can you embrace God as not just an advisor, but as a present and loving guide?
- Think about the next decision you need to make. Answer this question aloud, "Can I see myself doing anything else that would please God more?"
- Spencer said, "Where there is no moral command, God gives you wisdom to choose." What decision do you need to just make?

START PRAYING. Be bold, and pray with power.

God, we're asking You for people to walk with, the confidence to ask You, and the trust to bravely decide. You're such a good Father. Thank You for that. Amen.

START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

What's the decision you need to make? How will you step forward, trusting God to guide you this week?