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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

February 23, 2025 | Charting the Course: Week 7

**Memory Verse** *The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Proverbs 4:7*



### CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

1. What would the title of your autobiography be?
2. Share a memorable story from when you were younger where wisdom was missing from a decision you made.



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

1. Share something from the service or message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
2. Read **Ephesians 5:15-17** together. What jumps out at you from these verses?
3. Share about how you have seen seemingly insignificant decisions impact your life good or bad.
4. Read **Proverbs 4:7 & Matthew 10:16** together. Why is wisdom such a valuable asset for the follower of Jesus? How is *godly* wisdom (for the Christian only) different from *common* wisdom (available to all)? How is worldly wisdom different from both of these (see **1 Corinthians 1:20, 3:19**)?
5. Why is asking better questions wise? What are some better questions for the Christ follower to ask (see **1 Corinthians 10:23**)?
6. **Review** the five tools of reason that Pastor William shared with us on Sunday. Which one of these is the most difficult for you to consider when making decisions? Why?



## GOING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

READ Ephesians 5:15-20 together.

1. What is something from this passage that stands out to you?
2. Why must you have *careful wisdom* in the way you live your life?
3. What does Paul mean when he encourages his readers in **verse 16** to “make the most of every opportunity”? How are you doing at putting this directive by Paul into practice in your life? Why?
4. Why is it important to understand God’s will? On a *scale of 1-10* how well are you doing at understanding God’s will when it comes to making wise decisions?
5. How do **verses 18-20** illustrate the principle of the sower from **Galatians 6:7-9**?
6. What is Paul trying to communicate when he commands his readers to speak to other Christ followers “with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit”(verse 19)?
7. How does “giving thanks to God the Father for everything...”(verse 20) keep your mind and heart tuned toward making wiser decisions?



## LIVING IT OUT \_\_\_\_\_

1. Read **Galatians 6:7-9**. What is one thing you need to start sowing in your life in order to please the Lord? What is one thing you need to stop sowing in your life that pleases your flesh? Write these things down and commit to sow for eternal reward.
2. Meditate on **Psalm 119:30-32** this week. Pray that God would help you to write (or rewrite) your life story to align with these statements. **Praise God** for giving you his Holy Spirit to help you live this way.



## LIFT EACH OTHER UP \_\_\_\_\_

*Take time to pray for each other.*