

FUSION Q's... Making Wise Choices in a Foolish World 3: Wise in Your Own Eyes

Discussion Questions (30 – 40 minutes)

- Q1. Have you ever thought of yourself as “wise”? Explain.
- Q2. What would it take for you to trust someone who was asking you to live your life like they wanted you to instead of how you think you should live?
- Q3. What kind of person would they have to be to gain such trust?

Read Colossians 2:1-5 (p.376)

- Q4. What does the passage mean when it says that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ?
- Q5. Why does Paul (the writer) say he is writing this passage for?
- Q6. Explain what Paul meant by “well-crafted arguments”. How would believing that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ help against these arguments?
- Q7. What does it take to have “strong faith in Christ?”
[leader: Paul has built a case that trusting Jesus with your life and living the way he wants is linked to this strong faith]

Read Proverbs 1:20-33 (p.377)

- Q8. What happens to people who ignore wisdom? What does wisdom promise will happen to those who ignore her?
- Q9. What is the promise to those listen to wisdom?
- Q10. If all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ, are you willing to trust him with your life? Why or why not? What is the result of ignoring Jesus in this life time?

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

Colossians 2:1-5 (NLT – p.712)

¹ I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally. ² I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God’s mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. ³ In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴ I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments. ⁵ For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong.

Proverbs 1:20-33 (NLT – p.376)

²⁰ Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square.
²¹ She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate:
²² “How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge?”
²³ Come and listen to my counsel. I’ll share my heart with you and make you wise.
²⁴ “I called you so often, but you wouldn’t come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention.
²⁵ You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered.
²⁶ So I will laugh when you are in trouble! I will mock you when disaster overtakes you—
²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster engulfs you like a cyclone, and anguish and distress overwhelm you.
²⁸ “When they cry for help, I will not answer. Though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me.
²⁹ For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the Lord.
³⁰ They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them.
³¹ Therefore, they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way, choking on their own schemes.
³² For simpletons turn away from me—to death. Fools are destroyed by their own complacency.
³³ But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm.”