

Seeking God's Wisdom

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Begin with prayer

As you begin your gathering, have someone open your time by praying the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time together.

Read this overview

The book of Joshua is an exhilarating book filled with stories of courage, faith, and the miraculous provision of God. It continues the story of the people of Israel as they journey to inherit the land God promised them.

This past weekend Dan taught us from **Joshua 9** about seeking God's wisdom. In his sermon, he showed us from God's word how easy it can be to go through life making decisions based on the flattery of others, appearances, and without consulting God at all! As humans, we have to admit we don't know everything. Luckily as Christians, we have a God who is with us every step of the way, offering guidance and counsel by his spirit.

As we dive into our conversation today, we'll discuss how we should seek God's wisdom for all facets and through all seasons of life.

Scripture + Discussion

Have someone read **Joshua 9:1-27**. Then, talk through the questions below.

Here are a few questions to guide this time:

- How did this sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you?
- When in your life did you seek God's wisdom on something before pursuing it? What were the results of seeking God?
- When was a time you failed to seek God's wisdom on something important? Why? What were the results of that?
- When was a time you sought God's wisdom and it ran contrary to what you actually *wanted* to do? Did you listen to God? What was it about God's character that convinced you to actually follow him?
- Think about how you normally make decisions. What kinds of things do you consider to reach a conclusion? What kinds of steps could you put in place to better discern God's wisdom on a situation, problem, or opportunity?
- In this sermon, Dan mentioned that in making decisions we often make *bad decisions* by either succumbing to flattery, making judgments based on appearances, or not consulting God at all. Which of these three tend to obstruct your ability to make wise choices the most? Where have you seen these at play in your life?

- What would it look like for this group to be a source of godly wisdom for one another? What areas do we need to grow in to provide that in better ways for one another?
- What is one takeaway you have from this message?

Accountability

Take some time again this week to split your group into smaller or gendered groups and share your answers to the questions below. Be sure to follow up on anything that was shared last week.

- Who are you in God's eyes? Who are you in the eyes of this group?
- What has your time in God's word and prayer been like this week?
- What have you learned from Jesus this week?
- Have you consistently reflected the love of Christ to those in your life this week (your spouse, children, co-workers, etc.)?
- Where have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- What sins do you need to confess right now?
- Have you been 100% honest?

Finish with prayer

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.