

*Christ Community Church
2nd-5th Grade Sunday School Notes
18 October 2020*

Call to Worship: *Psalm 119:73-80*

Assurance of Pardon: *Colossians 1:15-23*

Title: Wisdom's Faithful Pursuit of Us, Part 2

Text: *Proverbs 8:12-36*

These notes are drawn from the sermon notes and outline. They are designed to help you prepare 2nd-5th graders for listening to the sermon.

The Key Truth and Overview are provided as preparatory materials to help you as parents grasp the meaning of the text and the sermon to follow.

For each division of the text, we have included three main steps: Ask, Teach, and Discuss. Each section begins with a basic question about the text to help your children engage with Scripture. Notes about the answer to the question are included. Next, there is a main point to teach about this section, along with some subpoints. Finally, there is a discussion question about how to apply the truth of Scripture. Included are some pointers for your discussion.

At the end of these materials is a review of the key truth and some additional points of application. Usually these will have to do with prayer and Scripture memorization.

Please feel free to contact Matt if you have any questions or feedback about these materials (matt@christcommunitycobb.org).

May the Lord bless and guide your efforts to disciple the next generation!

Key Truth: God's wisdom that pursues us proves valid in its life giving power and authoritative in its joyous relationship with all of Creation for our greatest good.

Overview:

Proverbs 7-9 draw the introduction of Proverbs to a close. Chapter 8 is the crescendo of Lady Wisdom's call. In today's passage, she reminds us of her validity and authority. We should listen to Lady Wisdom because she is a gift from God that equips us to experience joy in relationship with God and all of Creation.

Read Proverbs 8:12-31: Wisdom's Validity and Authority:

Ask: *Why does God give us His wisdom?*

- God gives us His wisdom to grow the fruit of the Spirit in us—especially justice, equity, and righteousness (**Proverbs 8:19-21**).
- God gives us His wisdom so that we can experience the joy of knowing Him in and through everything He has made (**Proverbs 8:30-31**).

Teach: God’s wisdom equips us for experiencing joy in relationship with Him and with His creation.

- Wisdom reminds us over and over again that she is more valuable than anything else (**Proverbs 8:11, 19**). She teaches us how to make good decisions (**Proverbs 8:15-16**). And she helps us experience joy. As we grow in wisdom, we learn how to live the way God created us to live. This is because God created all things in wisdom. The more we grow in wisdom, the more we grow in our ability to live the way we were created. And this is how we experience joy in relationship with God!

Discuss: God created all things in wisdom. What are some ways you see God’s wisdom on display in creation?

- This is a great question to help your children see how the things they are learning at school reflect God’s wisdom. Help them see how the wonders of science—weather, biology, geology, etc.—are all reflections of God’s wisdom.
 - For example, if your children love learning about birds, ask them how birds reflect God’s wisdom in creation.

Ask: What does wisdom give to people who listen to her?

- Life! (**Proverbs 8:35**)

Teach: God calls us to listen to His wisdom because wisdom gives us life.

- We never outgrow our need to listen to God’s wisdom. There is always something new to learn. This is why we preach God’s Word—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—Sunday after Sunday. Sometimes we might feel like God’s Word is boring. Sometimes we might feel like we ‘know all this already.’ But God promises to work through His Wise Word to give us life and joy in Christ. This is why we work hard to listen to His Word during our worship services.

Discuss: Let’s listen for God’s wisdom during the sermon this morning. We will discuss one thing we learned after the worship service!

- The underlying goal of our 2nd-5th grade Sunday school is to equip children with the skills they need to participate in our worship services—especially the sermon. Use today’s passage about listening to Wisdom as an opportunity to practice listening to the sermon with your children.

- Have your children listen for one thing that jumps out at them from the sermon (something they like, something they don't understand, etc.). Discuss what they jumped out at them after the service.

Review: God's wisdom that pursues us proves valid in its life giving power and authoritative in its joyous relationship with all of Creation for our greatest good.

Application

- **Arts & Crafts:** Have your children draw a picture of the Student listening to Lady Wisdom at her gates and doors (**Proverbs 8:34**).
- **Memory Verse: Proverbs 8:10-11** – “Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.”
 - **Review Proverbs 1:7; 1:23; 2:6; 3:5; and 4:23.**
- **Prayer:** Thank God for giving us life and joy through His wisdom in Christ.