

OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome - Matt O'Sullivan, Youth Director

***Call to Worship - Psalm 86**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

***Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

***Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

***Song of Preparation and Praise - Psalm 86**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Jude 24-25**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

***Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

***Song of Comfort - Cling to the Crucified**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Call to Persevere in and Attentively Listen to Wisdom Proverbs 4:10-27

***Song of Response - Rock of Ages (When the Day Seems Long)**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

***Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

***Benediction - Colossians 1:9-10**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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“THE CALL TO PERSEVERE IN AND ATTENTIVELY LISTEN TO WISDOM ” PROVERBS 4:10-27 CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God's wisdom is a way of life to be protected and to be intentionally cultivated in and through our redeemed bodies.

Introduction:

Q: *Are you more prone to wander in curiosity or be intentional and watchful in what you engage in and study?*

Proverbs 4:10-19: The Call to Persevere in Wisdom's Way:

“The wise father, the sage in Proverbs 4, is warning us that we will be tempted, and behind every temptation is an overwhelming power of darkness and despair. So let's realize how much is at stake in what we choose. And the best defense is a good offense — our hope in Christ.”

Raymond C. Ortlund, Jr., *Proverbs: Wisdom That Works*

Q: *How have you experienced life more fully as you walk in the way of wisdom? What are you most frequently tempted by? What are you doing to avoid it?*

Proverbs 4:20-27: The Call to Attentively Listen to and Embody Wisdom:

“The constant repetition of such a call (introducing nearly every paragraph of this section of the book) is deliberate, for a major part of godliness lies in dogged attentiveness to familiar truths. So a kind of medical inspection follows, in which one's state of readiness in the various realms symbolized by the heart, mouth, eyes, and feet, comes under review.”

Derek Kidner, *Proverbs: An Introduction & Commentary*

Q: *What gets your attention? How are you proactively and vigilantly cultivating your embodied resurrected newness of life?*

Application:

Proverbs 4:10-27 teaches us that God's wisdom is:

-a way of life to be protected

-to be intentionally cultivated in and through our redeemed bodies

Benediction: *Colossians 1:9-10*