

Sermon Questions

Date: *June 12, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs 1:1-7*

- 1. Read Proverbs 1:1-7. What is the difference between insight, prudence, and instruction?
- 2. Discuss the distinction between knowledge and wisdom.
- 3. How can the body of Christ grow in wisdom together?
- 4. Consider where in your life you need wisdom. How have you been seeking it? Encourage your CG with reports of God's faithfulness as well as areas for repentance.
- 5. Ecclesiastes and Job remind us that however much we seek wisdom, we cannot control our lives. What difference does it make in our pursuit of wisdom to know that Christ has risen, and that he has sent his Spirit to be with us? Consider the words of Gregory of Nazianzus below.

He is called "Spirit of God," "Spirit of Christ," "Mind of Christ," "Spirit of the Lord," and "Lord" absolutely; "Spirit of Adoption," "of Truth," "of Freedom"; "Spirit of Wisdom," "Understanding," "Counsel," "Might," "Knowledge," "True Religion" and of "The Fear of God" ... The Spirit it is who knows all things, who teaches all things, who blows where, and as strongly as, he wills, who leads, speaks, sends out, and separates. He reveals, illumines, gives lifeor, rather, is absolutely Light and Life. He makes us his temple, he deifies, he makes us complete, and he initiates us in such a way that he both precedes baptism and is wanted after it. All that God actively performs, he performs. Divided in fiery tongues, he distributes graces, makes Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. He is "intelligent, manifold, clear, distinct, irresistible, unpolluted"—or in other words, he is utterly wise, his operations are multifarious, he clarifies all things distinctly, his authority is absolute and he is free from mutability.

Gregory of Nazianzus, <u>On God and Christ: The Five Theological</u> Orations and Two Letters to Cledonius,

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Deuteronomy 6:1-15
- Nehemiah 9:26-38
- Psalm 73
- Micah 6
- John 14:1-14
- James 1:19-25

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Pray through the Flock Notes

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