



## Sermon Questions

Date: *August 7, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs 1:20-33*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. The simple are described as naive, uninitiated, and gullible. They care way too much about what other people think. Scoffers are cynics who don't care about what anyone thinks. Fools only listen to themselves, thinking they know enough to manage life on their own. Of the three groups, which best describes you: the simple, the scoffer, or the fool?
3. When have you heard the call of wisdom and consciously chosen to ignore her? How did that go for you?
4. Just as wisdom extends her hand to all who hear her and offers her spirit to guide, Christ extended his hands on the cross and pours our his Holy Spirit to rescue us from calamity. How has the Holy Spirit rescued you from calamity?
5. Consider the teachings of Jesus throughout the gospels. What are some of the ways Jesus' wise teaching has changed the way you live? Look to the Sermon on the Mount or any of Jesus' parables. Which have stuck with you?

### *Inward Grace in Action*

Matt Lietzen quoted the following snippet in his sermon at Fairfax this week when talking about the "when" in wisdom's call.

"As long as you are unconverted, you are under a double process of hardening. The frosts of an eternal night are settling down upon your Souls; and the Sun of Righteousness, with westering wheel, is hastening to set upon you forevermore. If, then, the plough of grace cannot force its way into your ice-bound heart today, what likelihood is there that it will enter in tomorrow?"

### **WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK**

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

*Reflect* on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26-31
- Psalm 95
- Zechariah 7
- Matthew 7:24-27
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Hebrews 3:1-4:10

*Serve*: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

*Pray* for our church staff and volunteers as they rest through August and prepare for Fall Kick-Off on September 11. [Click Here](#) for details on Fall Kick-Off.

*Reach out* if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at [deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org](mailto:deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org)

- Robert Murray McCheyne, *The Works of the Late Rev. Robert Murray McCheyne*, vol. 2 (New York: Robert Carter, 1847), 165.

The time to heed the voice of wisdom is immediately. Wisdom cries in the streets with a great deal of urgency because the stakes could not be higher. Do you feel the urgency and the weight of your need for wisdom? Christians sometimes fall into the error of believing faith in Christ is all one needs in life to avoid calamity. It is true that faith in Christ saves us from hell, but that is not all. As Martin Luther said, "We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone." Christ gives us his Spirit not merely as a "get into heaven free" card, but to truly guide us in the skill of living here and now.

Who in your life is in desperate need of the wisdom of the gospel? Think of a few names of friends and family who do not yet know Christ as their savior. Share them with your community group, and spend time in specific prayer for them.

In what way do you need to turn from the other voices you have been listening to and heed the call of wisdom? Consider the previous topics covered in our series: friendship, envy, pride, use of words, making plans, and wealth. Set concrete and timely goals to integrate wisdom in your life today, because as McCheyne soberingly reminds us, waiting to heed the call does us no good.