



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

August 10, 2022
 Choices



Sunday at 9:30am
Judging Others



Every Wednesday
 at 7pm

Questions answered
 about The Chosen by
 the director

Midweek Youth

Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Proverbs 1:1-6



**Wednesday
 Nights at 7:00pm**

You have questions? We have answers! Join us for coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate, and light snacks while we discuss whatever is on your mind in a safe, relaxed atmosphere.

Starting August 10th!

Last Sunday



Choices

A couple of Sundays ago, we talked about how important it is to make wise choices, especially when choosing our friends.

We asked, "if you could have absolutely anything that you

1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: ² for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; ³ for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; ⁴ for giving prudence to those who are simple, Knowledge and discretion to the young. ⁵ let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance. ⁶ for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise.

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choose to ask for, what would it be?" We received many of the typical answers that you would expect.

We then talked about King Solomon in **1 Kings 3**. Solomon took over as king after his father, King David, died. He was still a young man and was unsure about how to rule the people of Israel fairly. God came to him in a dream and told him that He would give Solomon anything that he asked for. We said wow, literally **ANYTHING** he asked for.

Instead of asking God for something for himself, such as riches or success, King Solomon chose to ask God for Wisdom and Discernment between right from wrong so that he could rule his people fairly.

God was so pleased with his request that He not only gave him the wisdom he asked for but also all the other things, such as riches and success, as well.

We said that because of his choice, King Solomon was not only known for being very wise, he was also known for being the richest, most successful king, and for building the temple in Jerusalem. He chose to write the book of **Proverbs** to share his great wisdom with others. We said that the **Book of Proverbs** is an excellent place to go for wisdom and for help in making right choices.

We looked at **Proverbs 13:20** and found that if we wanted to become wise, we should hang out with wise people.

We said this is because we tend to become like the people we hang out with the most. We said that is why it's so important to make wise choices in who we have as our closest friends. (and why our parents are always so concerned about the people we hang out with)

We discussed the importance of having close friends to help us grow as Christians, to support and encourage us, and to help protect us from a fallen world. Because we become more like the people we hang out with the most, it's important to choose the right close friends.

We talked about free will and the dozens of choices we make every single day and how we know if they are good choices or not.

We recalled that choices that go against God's will bring anxiety, worry, fear, etc. But, when we make choices that are in-line with God's will, we will be at peace.

We looked at several **Proverbs** to use when making big decisions. We said to ask ourselves these questions.

- Is it inline with scripture & God's character?

- Proverbs 3:5
- Is it impulsive or well thought out?
 - Proverbs 19:2
- Have I sought the advice of wise council?
 - Proverbs 11:14
- Have I prayed about it & prayed for wisdom?
 - Proverbs 2:6
- Do I feel at peace with my decision?
 - Proverbs 3:17

We said, above all else, pray and ask **The Holy Spirit** for guidance in following God's will. Practice when making the dozens of small decisions that we make every day and when the big decisions come along, you will be ready to listen and to make the right choice.

When we are younger, many of our choices are made for us by our parents but as we get older, more and more of them are made by us.

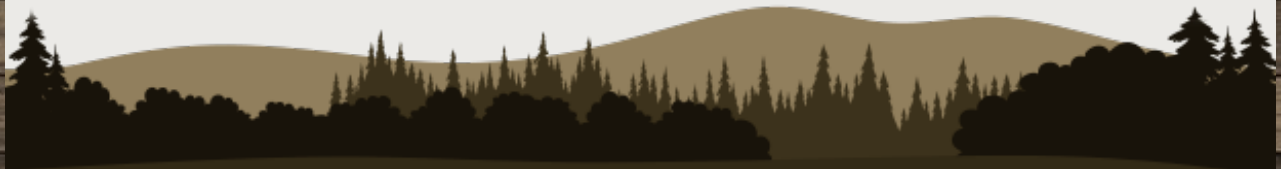
Having Free Will not only means being free to make our own choices but it also comes with the responsibility for the consequences of those choices.

Wake up every single morning and continue to make the most important choice you will ever make. To follow Jesus and follow God's amazing plan for you.

Join us this Sunday at 9:30 for Judging Others

Upcoming Events

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