

Small Group Leader & Personal Bible Study

Memory Verse: Proverbs 13:20

“He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.”

Discovery Bible Study Exercise: In your journal or on a piece of paper make three columns and follow these steps:

- Step #1: Write out Proverbs 13:20
- Step #2: Re-write Proverbs 13:20 in your own words
- Step #3: Write out two or three things you discover from this passage?

Daily Bible Meditation: A Study of Wisdom

- Sunday – Proverbs 27
- Monday – Proverbs 28
- Tuesday – Proverbs 29
- Wednesday – Proverbs 30
- Thursday – Proverbs 31
- Friday – Psalm 119:1-16
- Saturday – Psalm 119:17-32

Lesson: Wise in Relationships

1. According to Proverbs 13:20, what kinds of relationships do the wise get into?

A wise person will learn to walk alongside other wise people. As we have found, wisdom is based upon our relationship and trust in God alone. Therefore, if I want to be wise, I will seek out someone to walk beside that has chosen to walk closely with the Lord. In the church we call this discipleship!

2. Where does wisdom come from?

God imparts wisdom on His people through the power of the Holy Spirit. God speaks to us primarily through His word, and also through prayer, life circumstances, and the church (Disciples of Jesus Christ).

3. Have you ever been in a Christian mentoring /discipleship relationship with another person?

Encourage people to share their experiences in walking side by side with other Christians. If someone has never been in such a relationship begin to encourage them to pursue a discipleship relationship with another person who is walking with God.

4. What would prevent you from beginning a walk with another Christian man or woman in a discipleship process?

Many people will use the excuse of time. Jesus told us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him. The Christian road was never presented as the simple road but it is the one that leads to eternal life filled with joy. Some people will use the excuse they aren't ready. Maybe they don't know the bible well enough. I agree, that is why they need to be in such a relationship. We all need to someone to pour into our lives and we also all need to begin to pour into another person's life. Discipleship is meant to multiply. It was Jesus plan and it is our hope to follow His plan at EVC.

If you have been walking with the Lord for a while, it is time for you to come alongside another person and begin to disciple them and help them grow in the word. Each of us should be pouring into someone and at the same time being filled by someone in an intentional mentoring/discipleship relationship. Don't know how to begin, join the discipleship class *Growing Strong* beginning May 18.

If you are ready to make the step to enter a discipleship relationship with another person, contact one of our elders or pastors and ask about the steps you can take to begin.