Drift - Wisdom May 11 2025

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- What is the best /worst piece of advice you have ever received?
- Who is the wisest person you know?

Read Together:

Hebrews 6:19

We have this hope as an **anchor** for the soul, firm and secure.

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 23:22

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Proverbs 8:22-23, 30-36

The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, before his deeds of old; I was formed long ages ago, at the very beginning, when the world came to be...Then I was constantly at his side; I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind. "Now then, my children, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it .Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For those who find me find life and receive favor from the LORD. But those who fail to find me harm themselves; all who hate me love death.

1 Corinthians 1:18-20

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1 Corinthians 1:25

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:27-30

But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption

Job 42:5

My ears had heard of you , but now my eyes have seen you.

Discuss Together:

- Why do you think it's so easy for us to drift in our spiritual lives?
- What are some "currents" in your own life that tend to pull you away from staying anchored to Jesus?
- Stephen contrasted *conventional wisdom* with *gospel wisdom*. How do you see those two types of wisdom in your decisions or priorities? Can you give an example?
- Paul writes that "the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom." What do you think that means? Why does the way of the cross seem so upside-down compared to the world's values?
- The message suggested that wisdom isn't just about knowing more, but about discerning God's voice and being anchored through prayer. What are some ways you've experienced or practiced spiritual discernment?

Pray:

Take a moment together to reflect on where you may be drifting, invite God to reveal areas where you've been relying on conventional wisdom instead of His wisdom.

Pray for the Spirit to anchor your heart in Christ, to renew your mind with gospel wisdom, and to give you clarity in the places where you're seeking discernment. Ask God to help you slow down, listen well, and trust His voice over all others.

Invitation:

This week, set aside intentional time to pray and ask God for wisdom about one area of your life where you feel uncertain or pulled in different directions. Be still, listen, and write down what you sense God might be showing you.