

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, August 18, 2024 (Pentecost 13)

Proverbs 9:1-6

Discussion Starters

1. What invitation does Lady Wisdom extend? What does it mean?
2. Who are the simple ones?
3. If you read the rest of the chapter, you are introduced to Lady Folly. How does she differ from Lady Wisdom?
4. Is Lady Wisdom leading people in the right way or leading people astray? How do you know?
5. How would you describe the "way of understanding" (v. 6)?
6. What might be modern day examples of Lady Wisdom in action?

Ephesians 5:15-20

Discussion Starters

1. What contrasts does Paul identify between the old (unredeemed) life and the new (redeemed) life?
2. How does one "make the most of every opportunity?"
3. What does it mean to "be filled with the Holy Spirit?" How does that happen?
4. Surely verses 19-20 don't mean that we are supposed to put on a "fake" smile when we don't feel like offering a real one! What does Paul mean?
5. What is something for which you give thanks? Can you thank God in everything?

John 6:51-58

Discussion Starters

1. What does Jesus mean by eating His flesh and drinking His blood?
2. What is the underlying truth that Jesus is trying to convey through His teaching about Himself as the Bread of Life?
3. How does feeding on Jesus bring about eternal life?
4. In what way is Jesus similar to manna, and how is He different?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?