

## IMPACT GROUPS

**Week #8:** May 28 - May 31, 2019

**"The Jesus Trip"**

**Sermon Date:** May 25/26, 2019

**Link to sermon:**

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/livestreamarchives/>

**Link to weekly reading guide:**

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>



### **Ice Breaker:**

If you were at a friend's or relative's house for dinner and you found a dead insect in your salad, what would you do? What if you were a guest at a stranger's house?

### **Scripture References:**

#### **1 Kings 3:15a**

*"Then Solomon woke up and realized it had been a dream. He returned to Jerusalem and stood before the Ark of the Lord's Covenant..,"*

#### **1 Corinthians 1:30 (NIV)**

*"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."*

#### **James 1:5 (NIV)**

*"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."*

#### **James 3:15-18**

*"For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic. For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness."*

## Discussion Questions

1. King Solomon asked for and received wisdom, knowledge, and an understanding heart. Why did he ask for these, how did he get them, and what was the first thing he did as a "wise" person? (1 Kings 3:15 & 2 Chron. 1:13).
2. Kings and people came from all over to hear Solomon's wisdom (1 Kings 10:23-24). What did wisdom produce in Solomon's life? What will wisdom produce in our lives and in the church?
3. What was it about Solomon that the Queen of Sheba saw that amazed her so much? What can we learn from these things?
4. What is your favourite Proverb? If you had to make up a wise saying that you would tell your younger self, a piece of advice, what would it be?
5. Prov. 9:10 says "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." What is , and what is not, the fear of the Lord?
6. Look at these verses: Proverbs 8:1, 30-31, 35 "Listen as **Wisdom** calls out! ... *"I was the architect at his side. I was his constant delight rejoicing always in his presence. And how happy I was with the world he created; how I rejoiced with the human family! ... For whoever finds me finds life and receives favour from the Lord."* Can you see Solomon pointing to Jesus? Can you see how Wisdom is clearly Jesus personified? Can you see that by receiving Wisdom you receive eternal life?
7. The book of Proverbs contains good news and good advice. What is the good news found in this book? Read 1 Cor. 1:30 and then share how you would communicate the Gospel to a friend using only the book of Proverbs?
8. Read James 1:5. Describe God's attitude towards those who ask for wisdom? Who will He give it to and how?
9. Look at 1 Cor. 1:30 again and read James 3:15-18. What are some of the traits of the wisdom that comes from above verses other types of "wisdom?"

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