

# Life Group Homework

For the week of February 3, 2019

## MY STORY

1. If you could relive any day in your life, what would it be and why?
2. What was your takeaway from last week's study?

## QUICK REVIEW

3. Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday's teaching, what caught your attention?

## DIGGING DEEPER

### Proverbs 8:1-11 (ESV)

*Does not wisdom call?*

*Does not understanding raise her voice?*

- 2 On the heights beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;*
- 3 beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:*
- 4 "To you, O men, I call,  
and my cry is to the children of man.*
- 5 O simple ones, learn prudence;  
O fools, learn sense.*
- 6 Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right,*
- 7 for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.*
- 8 All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.*
- 9 They are all straight to him who understands,  
and right to those who find knowledge.*
- 10 Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold,*
- 11 for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.*

A key piece of historical context that would have been understood by the early Jewish readers of this passage is that elders of the villages and cities would have been at the city gates to offer counsel and decide legal matters. Thus, when wisdom is said to be found beside the city gates, it is referring to practical advice that could be found with the elders. While we don't have the same scenarios today, we do have people in our lives who follow Jesus and have the presence of the Fruit of the Spirit in their lives and can offer wise counsel.

4. What is wisdom, and why is it important?
5. What does wisdom bring to its user?
6. Looking at verses 10-11, how should we value wisdom and why?

## TAKING IT HOME

The following is a list of other ways God speaks to us. They should always be viewed through the lens of Scripture. If what I think I am hearing contradicts

something expressed in the Word of God, it is not the voice of God but something else.

- **His still small voice**- This is often perceived as our conscience pointing us in the right or wrong direction.
  - **Impressions**- These are thoughts that come to our mind that are not our own. These can fall quietly on our minds and give us the sense we should do something for someone. These can also be a feeling that something is off or that we should help in some way.
  - **Wisdom**- In the previous section we discussed wisdom and where we can find it. First, it can be found in God's word. Second, it is found in the counsel of those who walk closely with Christ. God uses them to confirm God's direction for our lives.
7. Have you experienced God speaking to you in one of these three ways? If so, how?
  8. Why is it important to test our impressions against the Word of God?
- **Pictures**- This last way can be easily misunderstood and should always be viewed in light of Scripture. Many times, God uses a picture in our minds to help us understand spiritual concepts or ideas that He is trying to teach us through His Word. Below is a great example of this principle from our very own Roger Chance.

*On Wednesday morning, January 23 at 2:30 am, I was awakened by God showing me the picture of an arrow in my mind. He began to explain the parts to me. He told me that the shaft of the arrow represents the posturing of our hearts towards God and that we have to remain strong and courageous to allow that shaft to stay straight. But if we allow fear, worry, anger, addiction, pornography, or anything else to get in our way, then the shaft will warp and bend, thus causing the arrow to not fly straight. The three quills or the three feathers represent prayer, worship and meditating on God's Word (or our Chair Time with God). If any one of these are missing, then our arrow won't fly straight either. The tip of the arrow represents how we allow Christ to transform our hearts and minds to stay sharp, so that when we hit the target, we will stick and not bounce off. He then showed me a target and said that God always shoots His arrows straight, but if there are any of these problems with the arrow it won't fly straight. He told me that the target represents all the people in the world. But the bullseye for me is to be a godly man, and in order for me to hit the bullseye I had to be a sharp, straight arrow with all three feathers intact.*

9. Have you ever experienced anything similar to this? If so, what was it?
10. Of the four methods mentioned, which does God use with you predominantly?
11. How does Roger's story provide clarity to the principles that we have been learning in this series?

## CHAIR TIME TOOL

12. Take time this week and ask God to reveal how He speaks to you personally.

Chair Time Tool:

BECOMING	DOING
<p>Faithful Free Dependable Responsible</p> <p><b>Fruit of the Spirit</b> love joy peace patience kindness goodness faithfulness gentleness self-control</p>	
HOW	RISKING



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Week 4 - The Arrow Project - Going where He sends me...every day.

*"I am like a sharp arrow in His quiver."* Isaiah 49:2b

Our Mission Statement: we create opportunities for people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus, by Pursing God, Building Community and Unleashing Compassion.

WISDOM - Proverbs 8

There is a vast difference between knowledge and wisdom.  
Wisdom is available to everyone. That includes me.

*"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me."* John 10:27 NLT

4 common ways that God communicates with us:<sup>i</sup>

- His still, small voice (whispers)<sup>i</sup>
- Impressions
- Confirmations
- Pictures