

Cell Notes 02/01/11

Ice Breaker;

What would you pack if you had twenty minutes to prepare for a journey? OR

How do you measure prosperity? Earnings'? possessions,? Education? Good name? Leisure time? Health?

Theme ;Wisdom in the coming year

Reading; Proverbs 3:1-8

Sermon Outline

1. In Proverbs wisdom does not necessarily mean intelligence but living lives in keeping with God's law. Having a relationship with God is the main source of life and wisdom.
2. The father is reminding his child not to forget, but to remember and obey the commands of God as if they were second nature .If we do that we will have peace, happiness, wholeness and fullness. God has the power to extend and add quality to our life.
3. Love and faithfulness are the characteristics of Jesus and we should aim to imitate those characteristics in our lives. It is our life that reveals if we are truly committed to following Christ.
4. Jerome's dream of being told he was not a Christian but a Ciceronian.
5. We are encouraged to trust God in the same way that we support ourselves on something by leaning on it in total reliance that it will not let you down. Trusting God requires us to use our powers of reasoning subordinated to God's guidance. Trusting God is difficult because it means believing that all that happens in your life including suffering is motivated by His love and faithfulness.
6. Matthew 6:31-34
7. Planning is thinking ahead about goals, steps , schedules, AND seeking and trusting in our heavenly Father's guidance. Worrying is when we are so consumed by fear that it affects our relationship with God and we are unable to trust him and rely on our own wisdom.
8. We should seek God's will in everything we do. Make our lord a vital part of everything we do. Trust His guidance and He will give us peace and show us which path to take in 2011and always.

Questions of Application

- 1) Read the passage . What verse(s)best sum up what the teaching is all about?
- 2) A good name (reputation} is prized in our culture. How does this reading suggest you gain it.?What practical implications does that have for you?
- 3) Are you a planner or a worrier?
- 4) When faced with an important decision how do you go about seeking guidance from our Lord and in what ways might you expect to receive that guidance?
- 5) How does one know if God is trustworthy especially when it comes to suffering?
- 6) Has this reading given encouragement to anyone for the situations they face in the coming year?