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TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Father's Day Fun
Sunday, June 20th

Vacation Bible
School

Registration
June 20th - 23rd
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Electronic Giving

Summer Bible
Studies Begin
Middle School
June 16th - 12:30 p.m.

High School
June 17th - 7:00 p.m.

College
June 1st - 7:00 p.m.

Beach Baptism
June 27th - 6:00 p.m.



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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Hope"

FOCUS: To examine the message of hope in Psalm 23 and be challenged to face all trials through the power of the Good Shepherd.

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.
Psalm 23 (NIV)

1. When David is first mentioned in the Bible, what is he doing? (I Samuel 16:11)
2. How did David rule as the King of Israel? (Psalm 78:70-72)
3. How is God like a shepherd?
 - a. (Isaiah 40:11)
 - b. (I Peter 5:4)
 - c. (Revelation 7:15-17)
4. (Psalm 23:1) says "...I shall not want." Do you want things you do not need?
5. Why does a shepherd make his sheep lie down in green pastures and go to water? (v.2)
6. How does God restore you? When/where do you feel restored?
7. How does God guide you? (v.3)
8. How is God's reputation on the line by your life? (v.3)
9. What does David mean by "the valley of the shadow of death" in (v.4)?
10. What is the significance of the shepherd's rod and staff? (v. 4)
11. In difficult times of life, how do these verses give hope?
 - a. (Romans 8:38-39)
 - b. (Romans 8:28)
 - c. (John 10:14)
12. What did the phrase "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies" symbolize?
13. How does knowing that God has gone before you provide you with strength and courage?
14. What was the significance of anointing the head with oil in David's day? (v. 6)
15. What is the significance of the phrase "my cup overflows?" (v. 6)
16. Where were David's and where is a Christian's ultimate hope found? (v. 6)

Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

June	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
13	1 Kings 3:1-4:34	John 15:11-16:4	72:1-7	15:24-25
14	1 Kings 5:1-6:38	John 16:5-33	72:8-14	15:26-27
15	1 Kings 7:1-51	John 17:1-26	72:15-20	15:28-29
16	1 Kings 8:1-23	John 18:1-23	73:1-6	15:30-31
17	1 Kings 9:1-10:29	John 18:24-19:3	73:7-12	15:32-33
18	1 Kings 11:1-12:11	John 19:4-24	73:13-20	16:1-2
19	1 Kings 12:12-13:34	John 19:25-42	73:21-28	16:3-4
20	1 Kings 14:1-15:34	John 20:1-20	74:1-6	16:5-7

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

Wisdom - Proverbs 3:1-13

To be able to describe the wisdom that leads to an abundant life and make at least one practical life application.

MONDAY - JUNE 14, 2010

Read Proverbs 3:1-13

1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. 11 My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, 12 because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. 13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding,

- Wisdom is discussed throughout Proverbs.
- What are some of the characteristics of the person who has wisdom according to this passage?
- What are some of the benefits of having wisdom?
- How have you grown in independence from the Lord?

TUESDAY - JUNE 15, 2010

Read Proverbs 2:3-6

3 and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

- Where do these verses tell us we can gain wisdom?
- Where do we find understanding?
- Proverbs 4:7 tells us that wisdom is of the utmost importance (the principle thing).

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 16, 2010

Read Proverbs 8:12-36; John 17:3

12 "I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence; I possess knowledge and discretion. 13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech. 14 Counsel and sound judgment are mine; I have understanding and power. 15 By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just; 16 by me princes govern, and all nobles who rule on earth. [a] 17 I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me. 18 With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. 19 My fruit is better than fine gold; what I yield surpasses choice silver. 20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, 21 bestowing wealth on those who love me and making their treasuries full. 22 "The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works, [b] , [c] before his deeds of old; 23 I was appointed [d] from eternity, from the beginning, before the world began. 24 When there were no oceans, I was given birth, when there were no springs abounding with water; 25 before the mountains were settled in place, before the hills, I was given birth, 26 before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world. 26 before he made the earth or its fields or any of the dust of the world. 27 I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, 28 when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, 29 when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. 30 Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, 31 rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind. 32 "Now then, my sons, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. 33 Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it. 34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. 35 For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the LORD. 36 But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death."

3 Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

- Wisdom is personified in the passage from Proverbs. She tells of the advantages of having wisdom.
- Are these some of the same benefits found in the passage from Proverbs 3?
- What does Proverbs 8:35 tell us we receive from finding Godly wisdom?

THURSDAY - JUNE 17, 2010

Read Proverbs 4:1-13

1 Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. 2 I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. 3 When I was a boy in my father's house, still tender, and an only child of my mother, 4 he taught me and said, "Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live. 5 Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or swerve from them. 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. 7 Wisdom is supreme; therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. 8 Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. 9 She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor." 10 Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. 11 I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. 12 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble. 13 Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

- These verses tell us that the strategy for effective living begin with wisdom.
- We must trust God and His Word. To live effectively, we must then do what with the understanding we gain from God's Word?
- How important is obedience in living effectively for God?

FRIDAY - JUNE 18, 2010

Read Proverbs 9:1-12

1 Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. 2 She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. 3 She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. 4 "Let all who are simple come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment. 5 "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. 6 Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding. 7 "Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse. 8 Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you. Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning. 10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. 11 For through me your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. 12 If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer."

- How does wisdom affect the daily things of life?
- Do you think it is important for us to continually seek God's wisdom?
- How will this affect our purpose in life?