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TRANSFORMATION

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

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Vacation Bible School

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

Roatan
Mission Team
Commissioning
Today, all three services

Ascension
Worship Night
at Chets
Friday, June 25th

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

July 4th
Churchwide
Cookout
Sunday, July 4th



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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Wisdom"

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

"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..."

Proverbs 3:1-13

1. What should we do and not do? (Proverbs 3:1-2)
2. How do we benefit from remembering the teaching and keeping the commands in our hearts? (Proverbs 3:1-2)
3. What should we do with love and faithfulness? (Proverbs 3:3-4)
4. What does this mean? How can you write them on your heart?
5. What are the results of keeping love and faithfulness near you? (Proverbs 3:4)
6. How are we to "trust in the Lord?" (Proverbs 3:5)?
7. Is God trustworthy? Support your answer.
8. What does it mean to trust "with all your heart?" Give an example.
9. What will be the result of trusting the Lord? (Proverbs 3:6)
10. What is the advantage of having "a straight path?"
11. What is the result of "fearing the Lord and shunning evil?" (Proverbs 3:7-8)
12. What does it mean to honor God with your wealth?
13. What are the results of honoring God with your wealth? (Proverbs 3:10)
14. Whom does the Lord discipline? (Proverbs 3:12)

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
20	1 Kings 14:1-15:34	John 20:1-20	74:1-6	16:5-7
21	1 Kings 16:1-17:24	John 20:21-21:9	74:7-11	16:8-10
22	1 Kings 18:1-46	John 21:10-25	74:12-17	16:11-12
23	1 Kings 19:1-20:43	Acts 1:1-26	74:18-23	16:13-15
24	1 Kings 21:1-22:23	Acts 2:1-21	75:1-10	16:16-17
25	1 Kings 22:24-2 Kings 1:18	Acts 2:22-47	76:1-6	16:18-19
26	2 Kings 2:1-3:27	Acts 3:1-26	76:7-12	16:20
27	2 Kings 4:1-5:14	Acts 4:1-22	77:1-6	16:21-22

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

Blessing - Matthew 5:1-12

To discuss the prescription for living in true happiness and having a blessed life.

MONDAY - JUNE 21, 2010

Read Matthew 5:1-4; James 4:7-10; Psalm 51:10-13

1 Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

- This passage of scripture is commonly referred to as the Be-attitudes. The word "blessed" more accurately means "the experience of hope and joy, independent of outward circumstances". This is the deepest form of happiness.
- What seems contradictory about the way Jesus tells us that we find true happiness?
- If being "poor in spirit" is the opposite of pride, what character trait would be likened to being "poor in spirit"?
- What does Psalm 51 tell us about how to develop the attitude of "being mournful"?
- What will those who are "mournful" receive?

TUESDAY - JUNE 22, 2010

Read Matt. 4:5-6; Matt. 11:27-30; John 16:5-11; Philippians 3:7-11

5Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

27"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

5"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. 7But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt[a] in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

7But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. 10I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

- What does the scripture promise to those who are meek?
- Does meekness mean we lack strength or resolve?
- What does being obedient and living righteously bring to our life?

WEDNESDAY - JUNE 23, 2010

Read Matthew 5:7-8; Ephesians 5:1-2; I John 3:1-3

7Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

1Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

- How does Ephesians tell us we can develop the lifestyle of mercy?
- What characteristic must we develop to have this attitude of mercy?
- What is promised to those who develop an attitude of mercy?
- How does a pure heart make us appear like Jesus to the world?
- What is promised to the pure in heart?

THURSDAY - JUNE 24, 2010

Read Matthew 9-10

1Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. 2Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." 3At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, "This fellow is blaspheming!" 4Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, "Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? 5Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 6But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." 7Then he said to the paralytic, "Get up, take your mat and go home." 8And the man got up and went home. 9When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to men. 10As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 11While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. 12When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" 13On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 14But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' [a] For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." 15Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" 16Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast. 17Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved." (not all verses printed due to space)

- What is promised to those who are peacemakers?
- Is this referring to political peace in the world?
- What effect does this attitude have in our relationships with others?

FRIDAY - JUNE 25, 2010

Read Matthew 11-12

1After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. 2When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples 3to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" 4Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy[b] are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. 6Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." 7As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10This is the one about whom it is written: 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' 11I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. 13For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. 15He who has ears, let him hear.

- What is implied to some of the life experiences we may encounter if we live the lifestyle laid out in the previous verses in this passage?
- We are called as His people to a heartfelt obedience. Do we have the option to pick and choose which of the Be-attitudes we will adopt as a Christ follower?
- Are you living out these character qualities on a daily basis?
- Which of them is most challenging for you personally?