

# WATCH PARTY GUIDE

WEEK 1 | EPH. 5:15-33



## Sermon Discussion Questions

+ This week we began a new series called "Fighting for Happiness: Wisdom for Everyday Life." What is the difference between worldly "happiness" and happiness rooted in Christ?

How might true happiness be tied to God's wisdom?

In the opening lines of this passage, Paul exhorts believers to "make the most of every opportunity." One of our House Rules at Grace is Wow-Making Excellence: We honor God and inspire people with our very best work. How does excellence open doors for sharing the gospel with others? Would anyone like to talk about a time when excellent character or diligence (at work, school, etc) provided an opportunity for you to tell someone about Jesus?

Reread verse 21. Now listen to this quote from an [article](#) in the Grace magazine: "We would be wise to recognize that there is a humble deference that should characterize the lives of all believers in Jesus—male and female, young and old, Type A and Type B." Agree or disagree? Why?

As we close, would any married couples like to talk about your journey toward loving and respecting one another biblically? Practically speaking, how do you live out this text in your marriage? OR would anyone like to share principles you've observed in a godly marriage, whether that of your parents, grandparents, or Christian mentors?



## ASK YOUR STUDENT



- When was the last time you were told to be "very careful?" Spiritually, what does it look like to live a very, careful life?
- Proverbs 14:16 says, "A wise person is cautious and turns from evil, but a fool is easily angered and is careless." What are the dangers of living a careless life?
- The opposite of foolishness is living by the Spirit. What is a next step you can take this week to be more Spirit-filled in what you say, think, or do?

## Dig Deeper

Understand God's will. That's a tall order! And yet, it is Paul's charge to all believers: don't be foolish; understand God's will and honor it. The only way we will understand God's will is if we humble ourselves in His presence.

Dig deeper by reading Psalm 86. In his book, *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy*, Mark Vroegop describes the four steps of biblical lament: turn to God, complain, ask, and trust. Look for these four steps in Psalm 86 and note which verses reflect each step. Then jot down everything the Psalmist asks of God. Which of these requests speaks most deeply to you? Close by praying through this Psalm. When you get to verse 14, consider substituting your own complaint for David's.

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Holy One, there is something I wanted to tell You, but there have been errands to run, bills to pay, meetings to attend... and I forget what it is I wanted to say to You, and mostly I forget what I'm about. O God, perhaps You've already heard what I wanted to tell You. What I wanted to ask is forgive me, heal me, increase my courage, please. Renew in me a little of love and faith and a vision of what it might mean to live as though You were real, and I mattered, and everyone was sister and brother."

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## TABLE TALK



### PRESCHOOL QUE

*Have you ever heard the word wisdom?*

Wisdom is hearing and doing things God's way instead of our way. Hearing + Doing = Wisdom! We can become wise by praying and asking God to give us wisdom. We also become more wise by reading and learning God's word.

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### ELEMENTARY QUESTIONS

- 1 Do you know what Wisdom is? Wisdom is hearing and doing things God's way instead of our way. Here is an easy way to remember it: Hearing + Doing = Wisdom!
- 2 What do you think it looks like to be a wise person? Why do you think being wise is so important?
- 3 What are some things you can do this week to help you gain wisdom?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY

A great way to gain wisdom is to dive into God's word! In your gK! Fall Kickoff bag (received in-person or delivered to your door) we have provided a Family Devotional Journal. Open it up and do at least one of the day's devotions together as a family. For extra fun practice memorizing this month's memory verse found in the front of the Family Devotional journal.

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