

## **WALK THIS WAY//Wise or Foolish//PARTFOUR**

### **//INTRO//**

Welcome to the last week of our sermon series Walk This Way. In this series we are focusing in on our walk with God and how we can continue to grow closer to Him. This past weekend's message was called: Wise or Foolish. Wisdom is the hallmark of godly choices. When we live a Spirit-filled life, He guides us in all wisdom and truth.

### **//SERMONREWIND//**

If you haven't watched the past weekend's sermon you can view it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vEF8emUBJso>

### **//ICEBREAKER//**

**Who is the wisest person you've ever met?**

- **What were the characteristics about this person you felt made them wise?**
- **What impact did they have on your life?**

### **//REFLECT//**

As you have had time to reflect and think about this past week's message, what are the things that either challenged you, or caused you to take action in your own life?

### **//GODSTORY//**

Your God story is a great way for people to truly get to know you, and understand who you really are. Your God story is all about the amazing things God has done in your life. It's about the experience, strength, and hope you have because of who God is and what He has done. Take time each week to allow a member of your group to share their God story and then ask for one person to prepare and share theirs next week.

### **//SCRIPTUREREFOCUS//**

Read: Ephesians 5:15-21

Read through this passage with these four questions in mind:

- What did you hear?
- What did you see?
- What did it mean to you?
- What did the passage do, what did it stir up inside you?

Take a few minutes to share your responses to these four questions as a group.

## //DISCUSSIONQUESTIONS//

Wisdom is knowledge rightly applied to produce a successful life. Growing in wisdom is a goal for all Christ followers – Jesus Himself had to grow in wisdom.

- **Luke 2:52** And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.
- **Proverbs 4:7** The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

**As a group, discuss ways a person can grow in wisdom and how you can begin to apply these ideas in your own life?**

Wisdom says, “to *understand* God’s will I have to *stand-under* God’s truth.” The fool is someone who knows but doesn’t care. They know God’s truth but they refuse to stand under it.

- **Ephesians 5:17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.

**According to scripture what does it mean to “stand-under God’s truth”?** (See Psalm 14:1; 53:1)

**What have the results of standing under God’s truth looked like in your life?  
How have you refused to stand-under God’s truth and what have the results looked like in your life?**

**What are some ways you can begin to listen and respond to God’s will?**

Songs reinforce wisdom. It’s one of the main reasons we are so passionate about each person at Newbreak committing to begin their week in worship. It’s in worship that we can sing and declare the truths of who God is. The Bible has over 400 references to singing and 50 direct commands to sing. There’s a reason for it because there’s a power in it.

- **Ephesians 5:19-20** speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Colossians 3:16** Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

**How has your worship through singing taught you about the truths of God?**

**What is it about you that resists worship?**

- Not about style or genre; but the act of worship.

**What are the roadblocks in your life that are keeping you from committing to “beginning the week in worship”?**

**What’s your favorite way to celebrate who God is and express your gratitude?**

## **//RENEW//**

If you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You'll get his help, and won't be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. **James 1:5** [The Message]