

**THE REAL GOD**  
**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SESSION #5**  
**“Wisdom” (22 minute video)**

**Session notes:**

“The wisdom of God is that attribute by which God brings about the best possible ends by the best possible means for the most possible people for the longest possible time.”

What a difference it would make in life’s most difficult times if we could but believe that God is all wise.

“The quality of being wise; power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action based on knowledge, experience, and understanding.” Root words – ‘to see, to know’ – Webster’s dictionary

“Wisdom, among other things, the ability to devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means. It sees the end from the beginning, so there can be no need to question or conjecture. All God’s acts are done in perfect wisdom, first for His own glory, and then for the highest good of the greatest number for the longest time... Not only could His acts not be better done, a better way to do them could not be imagined.” - A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

How has God revealed His wisdom to us?

Through creation

Psalm 104:24: “How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.”

Through providence

Psalm 33:10-11: “The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.”

Through redemption

1 Corinthians 2:6-10: “6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.”

Through the Son

1 Corinthians 1:30: “And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.”

How to Become Wise

1. It begins with a fear of His ways. (Proverbs 1:7; Job 28:28)
2. It grows by receiving His Word (Psalm 119:97-100; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
3. It requires asking for it specifically (James 1:5; Colossians 1:9)

**Question #1 True or false. Since God is wise and loving, He should share *all* His wisdom with the children He loves. Explain your answer.**

**Question #2** Read Matthew 16:24:

*Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. The way of Jesus is the way of the cross. Crosses are big, heavy, uncomfortable, and even painful.*

**What are some discomforts or pains that a believer might expect as a result of choosing to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus?**

Question #3 Read Matthew 11:28-29:

*28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

It sounds like this passage is saying that by taking Jesus' yoke upon you that you will find rest for your souls.

(a yoke was usually a heavy wooden device that was attached to animals so they can pull something)

**How can the Bible promise that following Jesus can be hard, yet restful at the same time? Does God's wisdom have anything to do with the rest Jesus is promising?**

Question #4 **Can you remember a time when you faced a situation that seemed hopeless but God flipped everything upside down and turned it into something good?**

Question #5 Read James 3:17:

*"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."*

**Which of these attributes of God's wisdom do you appreciate the most? Explain why.**

Question #6 Read Psalm 33:10-11:

*"The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations."*

Read also Psalm 20:7: Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

**Is there anything about our country, state, or community that you are worried or stressed about right now? How can God's wisdom bring you assurance concerning those stressful or worrisome situations?**

Question #7 Read 1 Corinthians 1:23-24:

*"We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."*

**What is something about God or His ways that may seem like foolishness to this world?**

Question #8 Read James 1:5-8:

*"5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."*

**Is there anything that YOU specifically need God's wisdom for right now in your life? What are some things you can do to seek His wisdom?**