

CELL NOTES 5/1/10

ICE BREAKER

Describe a memorable meal you have attended. What made it memorable? – the food, the company. Something else?

SERMON OUTLINE

Theme: Wisdom

Reading; Proverbs 9 : 1-6 & 13 - 18

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- 1) Remembering parties or meals we have attended over the Christmas period, the subject is presented in Proverbs as invitations to two very different tables.
- 2) Prov 9 : 1 – 6
- 3) Wisdom invites us to share her hospitality.
- 4) She offers fear (respect) of God, understanding of life, length of life, self-control.
- 5) It's what Solomon prayed for, and Jesus exemplified.
- 6) Prov 9 : 13 – 18.
- 7) Folly's invitation offers mockery of others, poor judgement, being too quick to speak, lack of self-discipline, being attracted by what is harmful or deceitful, inner self-destruction.
- 8) The St. Augustine story. People we know, in the Bible, us!
- 9) Whose guest will you be?
- 10) v12 refers to our character – that which we cannot lend, borrow or escape from.
- 11) Jesus' intention for us is that we become like Him in every way. Whose guest will you be?

QUESTIONS OF APPLICATION

- 1) Are you listening to Wisdom? Why or why not?
- 2) Can you find wisdom without Christ?
- 3) What is the difference between a mocker and a wise man? From your experience how do they respond to correction? How do you?
- 4) How is your personal search for wisdom progressing? How may it be enhanced in the coming year?