



DRY BONES
COMING TO LIFE SERIES

A Commitment to God's **PATHWAY**

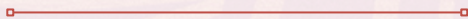
SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

"Committed to God's Wisdom"

1 Cor 2: 6-16

Ps. Sam Toms



WE HAVE AN INBUILT Pursuit, longing to understand
Godly Wisdom is hidden – so we can only find it in God

We are all building foundations in our lives each day
- Are our foundations built on sand – on our cultural values
- Are our foundations built on rock – on God's truth

God's Wisdom and humanities wisdom will collide at times
Significance of giving priority to God's Wisdom

These discussion points are designed to launch your small group bible study but are not designed to be the total discussion. Our encouragement would be to take these concepts and unpack them deeper and more relevantly in your life group setting.

Nihilism – is a philosophy/ theology which rejects the idea of God and the concept of objective good and evil. Essentially it equates humans to pockets of stardust bumping into each other without meaning or purpose. Nihilism, in many ways, can be seen as the ultimate end of humanity's Wisdom when it intentionally excludes the possibility and reality of a living and personal God. A lot of the 'woke' agenda we see operating in our society is a direct result of nihilism being taught in universities and schools. This nihilistic worldview is completely at odds with the Wisdom that comes from God being the foundational value in our lives. In the media and streaming channels, what shows do you see this nihilism being demonstrated?

How does seeing humanity as stardust devalue the value of human life?
How do we see this operating in our world in this present age?

We can often wish the world could have the Wisdom and ethics that come from a relationship with God. The reality is that often the only area of influence we have is in our own lives. How are we building a foundation of God's word into our lives, our kids' lives?



A Commitment to God's

PATHWAY



If we were to use a metric of measuring our discipleship by how often we intentionally engage in meaningful and intentional exploring and chewing on scripture in our lives, how would we rate? In what ways is it easier to blame and to deflect our own discipleship journey because 'the church, or the pastor, or my family doesn't....(fill in your response). At some point, we need to take responsibility for our own discipleship. The passage we are looking at in 1 Corinthians 2 reveals to us that God's Wisdom comes through His spirit at work amongst and through us. What and how do we promote and encourage sensitivity to the holy spirit?

God's spirit leads us to begin a journey of seeing things through His perspective. This is ultimately God's Wisdom. Humanity's Wisdom sees sex as a useful tool for gratifying our own desires. As we delve into God's word, we see that he has purposed sex for a very different reality. Read Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:6, and 1 Corinthians 6:16. In these verses, we see a significant value and premium placed on our sexuality. Our sexuality is an incredible gift which promotes and builds unity and is designed to operate in the space of complete safety and security within the confines of marriage. Sex is a gift of vulnerability to each other that has a spiritual legacy. Sex is the ultimate act of intimacy and physical 'oneness'. A oneness that should not be cheapened, shared, or exploited. A oneness that defines, unites, and empowers us. A oneness that physically and spiritually speaking brings life!

In what ways does society cheapen sexuality?

In what ways have I been influenced by humanity's Wisdom and have missed the gift of God's Wisdom in understanding sex?



A Commitment to God's

PATHWAY