

Last week we learned what it means to walk in love in light of our kingdom calling and our personal calling. This week, we learn what it means to walk in wisdom.

Read Ephesians 5:15-16

What about this passage sticks out to you and why?

Read Proverbs 9:10

The starting point of wisdom is the fear of the Lord. How does this scripture hit you?

What do you think it means to fear God?

This past weekend, Pastor Ben said "Think about it: when did Adam and Eve become afraid of God? It was after they had sinned. God hadn't changed- He is the same yesterday, today and forever. It was people who had changed. Sin changed the way people experienced the presence of God." Also, Paul said to the Ephesians that walking in wisdom matters because the days are evil.

In what ways do you think understanding the impact of sin and evil help us to understand what it means to walk in wisdom?

To help us see what this looks like played out in someone's life, we can look to the life of Jacob.

Read Genesis 28:10-17

What sticks out to you about this story? Why does it feel significant?

Do you resonate with Jacob? Have you ever realized that God was at work but you weren't aware of it? What happened?

Paul told the Ephesians they had to make the most of every moment of time, walking in wisdom, because the days are evil. He seems to be pointing them to this reality that Jacob woke up to that day: God is present and active in our lives.

Does this reality change the way you view your daily life?

Put it to practice: You can begin to ask "God, what are doing in this moment right now?"

Prayer

Father, help me to be more aware of your activity in every moment of my life. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear. I want to see your kingdom come, and your will be done. Holy Spirit, help me to understand how you are leading me. Jesus, thank you for your work on the Cross

that I might live in your love rather than fear you. Help me to live in reverenced and awe of who you are. In the name of Jesus I pray, amen.