

A Prayer for Wisdom (Church Weekend Session 4)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Pray

Sermon headings:

We need the Spirit of wisdom to give us knowledge...

...of the hope of God's calling (v18b)

...of the riches of God's inheritance (v 18c)

...of the resurrection power of Christ at work in us (v19-23)

Read Ephesians 1:15-23

1. How does the Spirit of wisdom give us knowledge?
2. What is the hope to which God had called us? (See also 1 Peter 1:13-16)
3. How should the knowledge of this hope help us to make wise decisions and avoid making unwise decisions?
4. In what sense are we God's inheritance? (Think of the illustrations Stephen used: a gemstone hunter, a grandfather with a photo of his children in his wallet.)
5. How should the knowledge that we are God's inheritance help us to make wise decisions and avoid making unwise decisions?
6. When might we feel that we don't have it within us to do the right thing?

7. Why is the resurrection power of Jesus a bit like going up the Westhill with a super-rocket strapped to our backs?
8. How does the knowledge that the resurrection power of Christ is at work in us help us to make wise decisions and avoid making unwise decisions?
9. Stephen said that we don't need SatNav guidance from God; we need to know Jesus better.
 - a. What did he mean by that?
 - b. What does that mean for us in practical terms?