

## Been Fishing Lately?

(Proverbs 11:30)

### I. Introduction:

#### A. Sources

- Wisdom of a father (Solomon) to sons
- Wisdom of Solomon
- Wisdom of Solomon collected by Hezekiah
- Wisdom of others

#### B. Substance – Two ways!

- Wisdom and Folly
- Righteousness and Wickedness
- Light and Darkness
- Life and Death

#### C. Stages – From ... to ...

### II. Exposition: Proverbs 11:30

#### A. The Dilemma

- KJV – “... he that winneth souls is wise.”
- NKJV – “... and he who wins souls is wise.”
- NIV – “... and the one who is wise saves lives.”
- NASB – “... and he who is wise wins souls.”

#### B. The Definitions

- Souls
- Wins

#### C. The Declaration “The fruit of the righteous ...”

- Influence
- Instinct
- John 15
- Psalm 112:6
- Psalm 19:11
- Proverbs 11:25
- Daniel 12:3

#### D. The Discernment “... and he who is wise wins souls.”

- The diagnosis
  - Mark 8:36-37
  - I Corinthians 9:19-22
- The development
  - Luke 5:1-11
  - Deuteronomy 6:7
  - Ephesians 6:4
  - James 5:19-20
- The description
  - James 3:13-18
- The doxology
  - Romans 11:33-36
  - Father/Son/Holy Spirit ... Angels/People!

### IV. Conclusion:

- Start with self – 2 Corinthians 13:5
- Seek others – Luke 19:10

### Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What’s your keeper?)
2. Utilizing the stages referred to in the introduction, in what ways have you seen growth in your life since becoming a Christian?
3. How have you benefitted from the “fruit of the righteous” in your own life? How have others benefitted from the fruit of your life?
4. Wisdom was compared to diagnosing a patient. Is this a helpful analogy to know when sharing with others? Why or why not?
5. State in your own words why you believe that wisdom is an important key in winning souls.
6. In what ways can you be involved in the process of seeking others to be won for Christ?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: “In light of these passages and this discussion, I will...” (What is your action point?)

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