



SEQUIM COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Deborah

THE PATH TO GREATNESS

As a prophetess her courage, decisiveness, and unwavering trust in God resulted in a military victory for her people. Under Deborah's leadership, Barak led the Israelites into battle against the Canaanites. When the fighting was done, not one soldier in Sisera's army was left alive. Deborah did not let the shortsighted thinking of others keep her from trusting God or using her God-given gifts. As a result, she earned a revered place in Israel's history.

Read Judges 4:1 to 5:31

Small Group Opener:

Why do you think it is so hard to trust God in difficult times?

MAIN BIBLE STUDY:

Please read the verses and answer the following questions.

1. Now survey Deborah's remarkableness by noting here the contents of these verses.

- What was her calling? (v. 4) _____
- What was her "job"? (v. 5-6) _____
- She was also a remarkable poet (Judges 5:1-3)

2. What does Judges 4:14 tell us about Deborah's faith? _____

- Deborah encouraged the Israelites to boldly and obediently follow God. Look up Titus 2:3-5. How does God say we are to spend our time in ministry? _____

- Whose faith are you encouraging? _____

3. As we have read, Deborah was a woman of remarkable wisdom.

- According to Proverbs 9:10, what is Step 1 to gaining wisdom? _____

- Step #2 is detailed in Proverbs 9:6 _____

- Now read Proverbs 31:26. What is step #3? _____

4. Deborah also had a very profound "warrior" side. The following verses detail the positive attributes of a strong warrior in mind and body.

- Ruth 3:11 _____

- Proverbs 12:4 _____

- Proverbs 31:10 _____

- Proverbs 31:29 _____

- Which of the above attributes do you most resonate with? _____

- Which one do wish was your strength? _____ Why? _____

5. Some would say that being wise spiritually is a "life or death" issue. Read Proverbs 8:35-36. Would you agree or disagree? _____ Why or why not? _____

6. If we do not choose "Godly wisdom", what wisdom are we left with?

- Read I Corinthians 1:20 _____

- Read I Corinthians 2:5 _____

- Read I Corinthians 2:6 _____

7. Read Proverbs 11:2. What attitude is required to gain wisdom? _____

Going Further – Additional Study

Lets spend time learning about the wisdom of the Lord. How can we get or acquire wisdom?

Respond to the following quote:

"Spiritual intelligence takes spiritual industry. I have learned that you have to be willing to work at wisdom. It doesn't come naturally. Wisdom searches for the Divine way in everything."

• Wise? _____ Why or why not? _____

• Read I Corinthians 1:30. What does this verse say is the source of spiritual wisdom? _____

Spiritual and practical wisdom is something that we should not be passive about as those who are seeking to be fully devoted followers. What do these two verse tell us about "desiring" wisdom?

• I Corinthians 9:24 _____

• James 1:5 _____

Now read Matthew 7:24. What does Jesus say we should do if we want to be wise? _____

• Read Proverbs 4:10-11. What is the end result of seeking wisdom? _____

• What does 1 Corinthians 2:16 tell us about wisdom? _____

• Just so you don't miss the point Jesus is making about Himself, read Colossians 2:2-3. What does it tell us about the source of wisdom? _____

What does Psalm 90:12 state about the "perspective" that wisdom gives us? _____

God seeks us as lost people. What do Proverbs 8:1-3 and Proverbs 9:3-5 teach us about what God's desires for us as "foolish people"? _____