

SESSION SIX Wisdom

Session Summary

Does God really know what he's doing? We believe that God is good and God is powerful, but can we really trust his purposes and his plans? In other words, is God wise? That is the question that we address in this session as we reflect on the wisdom of God. We'll discuss what it means to call God wise and why this matters so much to our everyday lives.

Appointed Scripture

Read and discuss **Genesis 22:1-14**. How does this story illustrate Abraham's trust in the purposes and plans of God? Verse 4 says that the journey to Mt. Moriah took three days. What might Abraham have been thinking during that journey? How can Abraham be a model for us?

Group Discussion Questions

- 1. What was one point from this week's teaching that stood out to you?
- 2. C.S. Lewis says that the attitude of modern people is to put God on trial, to assume that He needs to explain and defend his plans to us. Do you think that Lewis is right? Where have you seen this tendency in yourself?
- 3. How does the natural world display the wisdom of God? How might observing the complexity and beauty of the physical universe help us better understand and trust God's wisdom?
- 4. Read and discuss **Romans 8:28-29**. How have you generally understood this verse? How does the "purpose" of God given in verse 29 (for us to "be conformed to the image of his Son") change the way you think about this promise?
- 5. Where do you struggle to trust God's wisdom in your own life? What would it look like for you to more fully trust in that wisdom?

Group Prayer

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with one another and end in prayer.