



Small Group Study Guide for September 16, 2018

Our Savior Lutheran Church and School

Theme: We live in the information age with countless bits of data at our fingertips. We can be knowledgeable about a great many things and plumb the depths of studies and research. Yet the pace of change in our world has happened so quickly that we lack the wisdom to rightly apply all this vast knowledge. The Bible talks a lot about wisdom, which ultimately comes from God. We realize that worldly wisdom cannot hold a candle to the wisdom of God.

Reading: This week we look at Chapter 1 – Choosing Character in the Tech-Wise Family book.

Getting Started:

1. What was the last thing you looked up (googled, in a book, etc.)?
2. Where is the place you go most often for information?
3. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

The Tech Wise Family

4. Review with each other the distinction the author makes between **tools** and **technology** on pages 47 – 50, and see if you can come up with a few examples of each.
5. On page 52, the author answers the question “*What is Family For?*” by stating, “*Family is about the forming of persons. Being a person is a gift, like life itself – we are born as human beings made in the image of God. But while in one sense a person is simply what we are as human beings, we are also able to become – to grow in capacities that are only potentially present within us at first.*”

How are we formed as persons? What role does our family play in shaping us as persons?

6. How does being part of a family reveal what fools we truly are? (see pages 53 & 54)

7. Read aloud and discuss the paragraph on page 58 that starts with “If you don’t have people...”

8. What does the author claim is the “first family” at the bottom of page 60? What does he mean by this?

In the Word: Matthew 7:24-27

9. What is the distinction between the wise man and the foolish man in this parable?

10. What are the storms of life that come to beat against our houses?

11. How has hearing Jesus’ words (and putting them into practice) given you a solid foundation on which to build, that has weathered tough storms?

Prayer: Ask God to help each of us to grow in wisdom, courage, and faith as we seek first the Kingdom of God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal God’s Wisdom to us, that we might build on Christ – the solid rock. Pray for all families and homes, friendships and marriages that help develop people of wisdom, courage, and faith, and for our church family to be the place where the Lord does His good work.

Next Week: The sermon topic will be “The Gift of Time” and look at how time is given, shared, and taken from us. The small group discussion will be on chapter 2 & 3 of The Tech-Wise Family. A reading schedule for the Spiritual Growth Campaign is as follows:

Sept 9 – Preface & Introduction

Sept 16 – Chapter 1 “Choosing Character”

Sept 23 – Chapters 2 & 3 “Shaping Space” “Structuring Time”

Sept 30 – Chapters 4 & 5 “Waking and Sleeping” “Learning and Working”

Oct 7 – Chapters 6, 7, 8 “The Good News about Boredom,” “The Deep End of the Car Pool” “Naked & Unashamed”

Oct 14 – Chapters 9 & 10 “Why Singing Matters” “In Sickness and in Health”