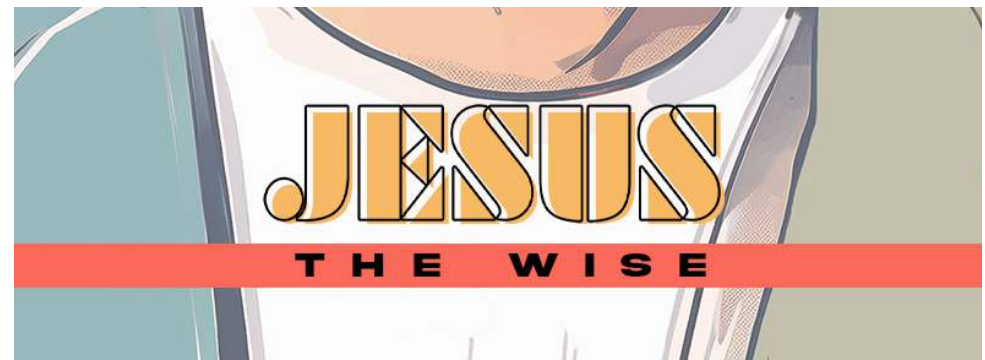


Serve and Share (S2) Reflection and Action:

Join us in praying for our fellow believers who live in hostile nations. Persecuted Christians stand as bold witnesses enduring opposition to advance the Gospel. Pray for house church leaders as they shepherd the church, pray for wisdom of believers confronted by the authorities, and pray for the faithfulness of these believers under all circumstances.



Jesus, the Wise #4: Wisdom and Morality
Mark 12:28-34

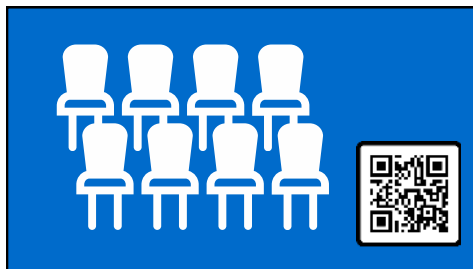
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November 2, 2025

Notes:

Be the reason someone feels at home this Christmas and volunteer to serve in December. Stop by the lobby to learn more!



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The Week of November 2, 2025

These questions are designed to guide you in your weekly Growth Group gathering. Discuss them with people in your life to help you deepen your faith and grow in community. Not in a Growth Group? Check out our open groups at foothillsbiblechurch.org/growth-groups.



Big Idea: In perfect wisdom Jesus gets beneath the surface to discern the heart.

Prepare: Listen to the sermon (if you haven't already), read Mark 12:28-34 and Deuteronomy 6:4-9, and spend a few minutes praying for your group.

Connect:

When you were a kid, were you a rule follower or a rule breaker? Share a fun example.

Discuss:

HEAD: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?

2. Read John 3:1-3 aloud as a group. The scribes in Mark 12 and Nicodemus were drawn to Jesus' wisdom. Why do you think the religious leaders were so often intrigued by Jesus?

3. Read Psalm 139:23-24 aloud as a group. What might hold you back from asking God to search your motives? What spiritual disciplines help you stay honest about the condition of your heart?

HEART: HOW DOES THIS CHANGE MY ATTITUDES AND AFFECTIONS?

1. Just like the scribes, sometimes we want a clear list of rules: "Tell me what's required, and I'll do it." Why is that impulse sometimes so strong in us?

a. What does that reveal about the idol of control in our hearts?

2. Read Galatians 5:1 aloud as a group. Do you feel free to talk about your past struggles and sins with those who are curious about Jesus?

a. How have you experienced a moment of transparency (yours or someone else's) that drew a person closer to Jesus?

HANDS: WHAT IS THIS PASSAGE ASKING US TO DO?

1. Who do you know that is like the scribe, close to the kingdom but not yet in it? How can you help them understand the grace, truth, and love of Jesus and His Kingdom?

2. How might God be leading you to slow down this week in a relationship or circumstance to discern not just the surface, but the heart?