

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

God's Wisdom for Youth,
Proverbs 3:13-24 - Tanner
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Families Seeking Wisdom

Call to Worship - Jeremiah 1:4-8

Hey—today is a first in the history of Antioch: it's Youth Sunday ya'll! This isn't just a day in which we make the youth do a bunch of stuff, but it's a day for our entire church to be reminded of the sacred value of a group of people who are so easily overlooked, and who are in a really difficult and critical season of life—our youth.

So hear the word of the Lord from the prophet Jeremiah:

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD.” Jeremiah 1:4-8

Church, throughout the ages God has chosen to use young men and young women to accomplish his glorious purposes, even though the world looked down on them. And guess what—he is still the same God today! So let us not look down on the youth among us, but lift them up and encourage them.

Today our youth have chosen the songs we will sing together as a church. So as we lift up our voices, let's do it with the youthful energy that flows from hearts full of the Spirit, obedient and unafraid...

Nothing But The Blood

In Christ Alone

Confession - Job 28:20-28

Hear the word of the Lord from Job 28:

20 "From where, then, does wisdom come?
And where is the place of understanding?
21 It is hidden from the eyes of all living
and concealed from the birds of the air.
22 Abaddon and Death say,
'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.'
23 "God understands the way to it,
and he knows its place.
24 For he looks to the ends of the earth
and sees everything under the heavens.
25 When he gave to the wind its weight
and apportioned the waters by measure,
26 when he made a decree for the rain
and a way for the lightning of the thunder,
27 then he saw it and declared it;
he established it, and searched it out.
28 And he said to man,
'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,
and to turn away from evil is understanding.' "

Job 28:20–28

Church, statistics tell us that two-thirds of children who grow up in the church no longer attend the church and some leave the faith entirely. The saddest part of that statistic is that the majority of those two-thirds have already made up their minds before they do it. This isn't just an issue of them making professions of faith—it's a matter of aiming for their hearts and seeking to disciple them by God's power rather than our own. And that—as we are learning in this sermon series—takes wisdom.

So let's continue our worship right now by going to the God of wisdom. Let's confess our shortcomings in aiming for the hearts of our youth and seeking to disciple them. And let's humbly ask God for his wisdom and power...

Now let's pray this together:

O God who knows the way to wisdom,
Who sees everything under the heavens,
Who weighs the wind and apportions the waters,

Congregation:
Help us,
And help our youth
To fear you, Lord,
And to turn away from evil.

Amen.

Give Us Clean Hands

EOG - Sending Students

You may be seated. Good morning, my name is Robbie and I'm the pastor of global sending. One of our deepest desires for our youth and students isn't just that they COME TO Jesus, but that they also GO WITH Jesus—to be sent out among the neighborhoods and the nations. Mark 3:14 reflects this,

And [Jesus] appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach

So, children, youth, and students, we want to encourage you and challenge you to already considering the idea of "Go2". That is, sometime around high school and college—before getting into your vocation—going for two years to serve domestically among a church plant or globally among a missionary team.

And just to show you how impactful this experience can be, I want to ask everyone in the room who has served, worked, studied, or traveled overseas anywhere from 6 months to 2 years around high school and college to come forward. And since several of them are missing, we're also putting all their names on a slide.

Look at this church! Youth and students, look at how many people surround you who have whose lives have been forever changed by giving 6 months to 2 years of their young adulthood to Jesus and the nations.

So I want to say two things: one, parents, this might seem scary and sacrificial, but I want to call you to be open and proactive toward the possibility that God may call one or more of your children to be sent to the nations. And two, youth and students, as you have questions and God moves in your hearts, I encourage you to talk with your parents, but I also invite you to come and talk with me.

Church, let's take a moment and ask the sending God to raise up and send out our youth and students...

Sermon - Proverbs 3:13-24

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Good Good Father

Announcements & Benediction - Luke 2:52

Thank you for joining us in today's gathering! We hope that you have experienced the welcome of Jesus. You may be seated as we give a few next steps from today's gathering.

- 1) Giving - antiochpeople.org/give
- 2) Family Groups - antiochpeople.org/familygroup
- 3) Serving - antiochpeople.org/serve
- 4) Learning - antiochpeople.org/classes
- 5) Missionary Care Team - Thursday, September 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Groces' home
- 6) Child Dedication Class - Sunday, September 12th at 9:00 AM - Child Dedication Sunday to follow on Sunday, September 19th. Signup on table. Childcare provided.

We begin each gathering with a call to worship and we end with a benediction, which is a reminder that we have been blessed to be a blessing.

Church, as a youth Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man, and then he took the blame for our failures to do the same. Therefore may you go with a wise and youthful heart, with a passion to help redeem the often disheartening season of youth.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let's say this together: We are sent.
