

Introduction

1) Prayer Meeting (Wednesday 10th January, 7:30pm)

We will gather to pray this Wednesday evening, with a meal being served from 7:30pm and prayer from 8:00pm. If you consider yourself a member of the church, please aim to make this a priority.

2) Thank you for all your help!

A very big thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church, play music, sing, serve, and welcome visitors over Christmas and especially with yesterday's Licensing Service! A big thank you too to everyone who has helped in so many ways throughout 2017 - we look forward to doing it again in 2018!

3) Life Explored

Following on from the Carol Services and other Christmas events, we are hoping to run a 'Life Explored' course in the New Year. If you (or a friend) are interested in finding out more, please email Andy Palmer (andy@sjdh.org) or visit our website at: www.sjdh.org for more details.

4) Save the Date - Lunar New Year Dinner (Saturday, 17th February 2018)

Bring & share dinner plus a short evangelistic talk. More details to follow after Christmas!

i) Where do these Proverbs come from?

(v1)

ii) What are they for?

(v2-6)

iii) Where do we start?

(v7)

For further discussion:

- Solomon was wise (1 Kings 3) and yet also a fool (1 Kings 11). How does he point forward to Jesus both positively and negatively?
- What is the difference between law and wisdom? Can you think of a situation in your life recently where "rules" didn't seem to apply but you desperately wanted or needed wisdom?
- What is the connection between wisdom and discipline (v2-3)? Does discipline come easily to us? Why/why not?
- In what ways does the description of wisdom in v2-6 apply to Jesus?
- What is the fear of the Lord (v7)? People often misunderstand this phrase and think it means being frightened of God, but for a NT example of the same idea, have a look at Philippians 2:12-13. We need not fear God's judgment when we trust in Jesus, but God is still an awesome, holy God. How does that change our attitude to him in our daily lives?