***CELL DISCUSSION GUIDE***

***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020***

***Proverbs 1:20 “WE NEED WISDOM:”***

***Reflect/Apply: 1. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? 2. What is God calling us to? 3. Explain humanism. 4. What have you learned during this pandemic ? 5. How can we show love to God? 6. Why is having rest important?***

*Wisdom is the result of living. You learn from someone. Wisdom is also the result of survival. Our elders survived many challenges in life, yet we don’t listen to them for many reasons. Today, people have knowledge but no wisdom. When one keep falling into the same hole, there is a lack of wisdom. Knowledge is information received, and wisdom is using that knowledge rightly. Wisdom cries out through our parents and grandparents to protect us from danger and to keep us on the right tract. Politicians need wisdom also. There is too much foolishness going on in Washington.*

***Proverbs 1:23*** *tells us that wisdom is coming from God. We must turn back to God for He is calling us to a genuine relationship with Him, not to ministry, but to a relationship with Him. However, we refused to turn and receive His correction. With many things shut down, have we taken advantage of that time to commune with God?*

*Many are saying this pandemic is the judgment of God against the church and the world. However, if this were God’s judgment against America, there is no one, no scientist, no company, who could stop or slow down the judgment of God! It is the result of humanism. Humanism says that my human desires are more important than my belief in God. We do what we want when we want. We eat what we want knowing it’s not helping our immune system to be strong. We fail to listen to Godly leadership. We fail to listen to the CDC in wearing facemasks and social distancing. We fail to listen to a loving God who wants to give us wisdom and direction in our lives. Yet, we refuse by saying we don’t want God in our schools, in our homes, and in our lives. We see the results with gun violence on the rise, with drugs and alcohol on the rise, with sexual promiscuity on the rise, with unemployment on the rise along with sickness and death on the rise. However, God is rich in mercy and loves us!* ***Ephesians 2:4.***

*There are consequences for our actions. God is trying to help us and spare us from undue pain. However, we fail to listen to Him time and time again. He speaks to us audibly, through dreams and visions, through circumstances, through people, and always through His Word. Yet, we fail to listen.*

***Proverbs 1:26-28*** *tells us because of our disobedience God will mock us and will not answer us. If Jesus did not remind the Father that He bled and died for us where would we be? When God called Samuel, he said, “Speak, for your servant is listening****.****”* ***1 Samuel 3:10****. God is calling all of us also, and we must be willing to listen to Him. The Lord is calling us to be in relationship with Him and not to forget Him.* ***Deuteronomy 6:10-12****. Finally, the Lord does not want us to be overloaded with busyness which makes us so weary and tired. He wants to refresh us and give us rest.* ***Matthew 11:28-30***