

Ancient Paths

Wisdom from God

Jeremiah 6:16

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Introduction: Wisdom is the art of living. The art of living well. In ancient Israel it was an art well-studied and practiced and taught. Scholars speak of the “wisdom tradition” in the Bible. But what Israel learned is that true wisdom isn’t a human invention at all. It’s a gift from God. To those who seek the ancient paths, it’s a gift God gives freely, not for their religious lives or spiritual lives but for the whole of life. For the flourishing of their lives. “Come,” wisdom calls, “ask for the ancient paths where the good way lies, and walk in it.”

Prayer: Father, help us to understand God’s truth (wisdom) for the flourishing of our lives. Amen

Read: Jeremiah 6:16

Review: What do you remember from our four weeks of Kindred?

Discussion:

1. A warning from the Lord; what does He want the Israelites to do at the crossroads? What does He mean by “look”?
2. Who should they ask for the ancient paths? What do the ancient paths refer to?
3. What is the result of doing so? How does rest for one’s soul flow from ancient paths?
4. What did Jeremiah say would happen? Why did the people not listen?

Application: Be sure this week to walk in the “good way”.

Prayer: Father of heaven and earth, help us to stop at the crossroads and look, asking God for His truth in our lives. Amen.