

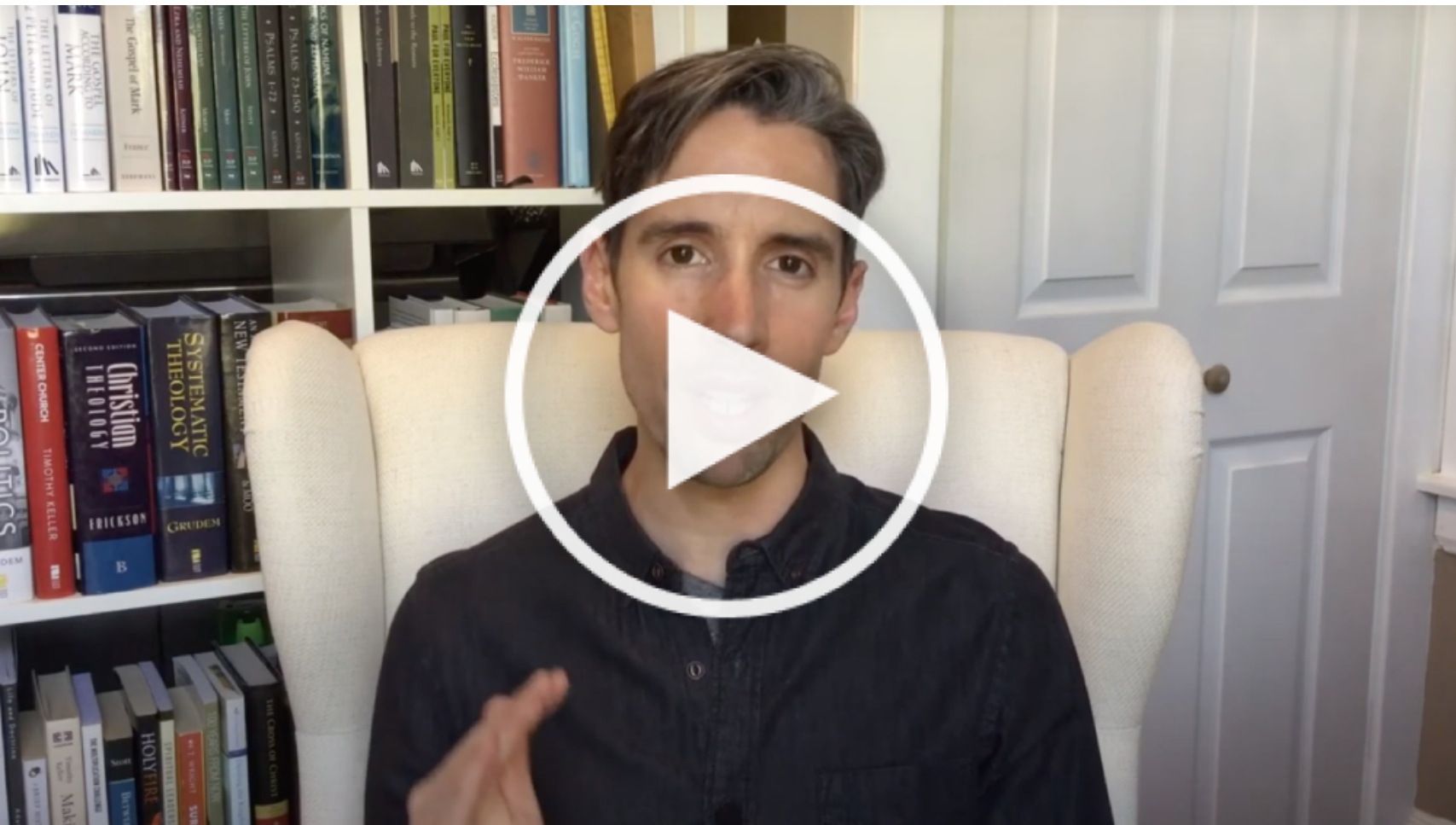


# CONNECT

- Describe a storyline in a book or a movie that you had a really hard time comprehending.
- If you had three hours to spend in a library reading books about just one topic, what topic would that be?
- Who is one person who's helped you live a wiser life? In what area of your life did he or she help you become wiser?

# RECAP

Watch the message recap video by clicking below.



## MAIN THEMES

**Big Idea:** Wisdom is worth gaining, but wisdom alone is condemning.

**Christ-Connect:** Through Jesus we can have and foster relationship with the wise One.

**Application:** We must humble ourselves so that we gain more than wisdom alone.

# *READ & DISCUSS*

## **READ**

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

## **DISCUSS**

Wisdom makes life go better in general, because God designed life that way. Describe an area of your own life in which growing in knowledge and wisely applying that knowledge has led to good outcomes in your life.

# *READ & DISCUSS*

## **READ**

Ecclesiastes 7:23-29

## **DISCUSS**

When man tries to search out “the scheme of things,” it doesn’t turn out well. We can’t ascend to a God’s-eye view, and trying to twists our hearts. When you consider these verses, in what ways do you think trying to grasp “the scheme of things” can twist a person’s heart?

# *READ & DISCUSS*

## READ

Acts 17:22–31

## DISCUSS

If we're going to heed the Teacher's warning, we must do four things:

- Receive the Teacher's instruction.
- Resist the anxiety of culture.
- Foster a relationship with the wise One.
- Reinforce this within spiritual family.

Given what Paul says to the people of Athens, why is it much better to embrace the wise practices above, rather than seeking wisdom alone?



# *PRAYER*

Spend time meditating on and glorifying the resurrected Jesus.

Pray for courage to reject the worldly practice of seeking wisdom alone, and rather walk with God, the wise One.

# *DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN*

- Have you read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with?



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