

1-9-22 “Wisdom: Doorway to Happiness”

INTRO: Epiphany and the Wise Men. **Story : Cora’s comments.** When I say **wisdom**, what comes to mind? (Ask audience). Offer: *To know what to do and how to do it.*

WISDOM...

- **opens the door to true happiness.** (**Prov. 3:13-18**, 19:18 bulletin, 24:14=honey)
- **grows in the soil of *humility*.** (The Magi, Solomon, Ps. 90:12, **Ja. 3:13-18** [**Story: Jesus in new places = my growth**])
- **asks questions and disrupts our reality** (Job 38, Jesus; Herod & power-brokers, Is. 55, Eccl. 1:18 leads to sorrow, Simeon, **1 Cor. 1:20-25**)
- **whispers in the background.** (**Story: Joshua Bell**; *still, small voice*, 1 Kings 19:12;
- **is available to all.** (Col. 2:2-4 , **Ja. 1:5-7**)

Are YOU ready to welcome Wisdom into your daily living?

CLOSE: Play video: “Oceans”, Hillsong
(phone off) Prayers and Reflection

Story: Joshua Bell

In Washington DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 2000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work but only *six* people stopped and listened for a short while. About twenty gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people’s priorities.