

<p>Teacher APEST</p>	<p>This study assumes you have listened to the sermon preached by the brilliant and theologically sound Heidi. The sermon was on Sunday 21st March 2021 at St Christopher's Anglican Church, in Tawa. You can find the sermon via www.tac.org.nz Click on either the 8am or 10am button to see the service. If you just want the sermon, scroll along until you see a seriously clever and astute woman preaching while everyone is listening with full attention while taking lots of notes.</p>
<p>Logging in icebreaker</p>	<p>Who was your favourite teacher at school and why? Can you remember a sermon that has been of significance to your spiritual development? What was it and why was it significant?</p>
<p>Readings</p>	<p>Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20 (NRSV): 12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. 13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. 14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. 15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, 16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought. 17 The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of her, 18 and love of her is the keeping of her laws, and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality, 19 and immortality brings one near to God; 20 so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.</p> <p>James 3:13-18: 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual,</p>

devilish. **16** For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. **17** But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. **18** And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for[f] those who make peace.

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2

Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

3

Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

4

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

5

He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

8

They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it[a] have a good
understanding.
His praise endures forever.

Matt 7:24-28

	<p>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”</p> <p>28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, 29 for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.</p>
<p>Quotes from Hirsh, etc</p>	<p>People who score highest with a Teaching Position are Light Givers* in the Kingdom of God. They make the truth and knowledge about God accessible to all. They have an ability for breaking confusion and misinformation. They are strategic in helping people know the truth of God and also how it applies to their own life. -www.fivefoldministry.com</p> <p>Words to describe Teachers: Sage, Thinker, Observer, Philosopher, Guide, Scientist, Mentor,</p> <p>Characteristics of Teachers: Philosophical, Insightful, Analytical, Socratic, Forensic, Past-oriented, Critical, Interpretive, Meaning-oriented.</p> <p>Examples of Teachers: Socrates, Plato, Helen Keller, Yoda (from the Star Wars movies), Stephen Hawking, David Attenborough, Hanna Arendt, Abraham Heschel.</p> <p>Allan Hirsh in his book, <i>5Q: Reactivating the Original Intelligence and Capacity of the Body of Christ</i> writes that the teaching mark of a church is “the wise and intelligent people that passionately seek truth and share all the treasures of the wisdom, insight, and knowledge of God hidden in Christ Jesus, faithfully nurturing understanding and communicating truth in the world. When the knowledge of God is sought, treasured, and shared, there is an authentic church.”</p>

<p>Questions to get discussion started on Sunday's sermon on Teachers</p>	<p>What did you learn about Teachers that you didn't know before? What did you find most caught your attention in the sermon? Was there anything you disagreed with? Did the sermon make any connections for you about people who might lean towards Teacher?</p> <p>What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom? Whom has God given you to teach? Whom has God given you to learn from? Do you know what you believe and could you teach it to somebody else? Is there a part of your faith that you want to understand more?</p>
<p>Prayer from ANZPB Pg 684</p>	<p>Almighty God, You have enlightened your Church By the teaching of your servants; Enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace, And raise up faithful witnesses, Who by their life and teaching May proclaim to all people The truth of your salvation; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.</p>