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Dr. Del Tackett is our Tour Guide through The Engagement Project. This Go Deeper is a Study Guide of key points and questions from Tour Six. This includes both thoughts and questions presented by Dr. Del Tackett, as well as additional questions to go along with this Tour. The verses throughout the Study Guide are from Tour Six to be used for group/family discussion and to have them easily accessible for continued study, reminders and producing fruit of your own.

The Vision: Engaging with Wisdom with Binah (having a deep discernment and understanding).

“The Vision: Christian families committed to the shalom of our neighbors. We will build real relationships with those providentially in our Jerusalem, through prayer and action, with grace and wisdom and truth, being attractively winsome, tearing down walls, building up trust, and doing the work of the Kingdom.” --Dr. Del Tackett

Colossians 4:5-6
James 1:5

Read about Solomon in **2 Chronicles 1:7-12**. God answers Solomon's prayer because he is humbling himself before The Lord asking (and wanting) wisdom for the shalom of the God's people, not asking for wisdom to benefit himself.

Dr. Del Tackett said “If the fruit of the Holy Spirit is primarily for others, maybe wisdom isn't just for me either.” “The golden key to getting wisdom--ask for yourself and you will probably get nothing. Ask for the shalom of others and you will get it generously. We need both wisdom and grace to engage our neighbors.” **James 3:13-17**

- Have you ever asked for wisdom for yourself?
 - What was the result?
- Have you ever asked for wisdom for the shalom of your neighbors or someone else?
 - What was the result?

Applying Neighborly Wisdom Colossians 4:5-6

- Wisdom Considers ‘them’
 - Life stage/family structure
 - Situation/needs/issues
 - Personality / spiritual state
- Opportunity---Kairos (season/epoch)
- Making the most---Exagorazo (redeem)
 - **Ephesians 5:15-16**
- Learn how to ‘Season’ our Speech
 - Not a “cookie cutter” approach and not according to our script.
- Learn How to Listen
 - Develop the art of listening--not a prep time for your next words.
- Learn how to ‘Binah’
 - Engaging with wisdom and understanding **2 Corinthians 5:16**

The Heart & The Mind

Proverbs 23:7

Zechariah 7:10

Mark 2:8

Genesis 6:5

Luke 2:34-35

Acts 8:22

Hebrews 4:12

Psalms 14:1

Dr. Del Tackett asks his group (and us) when referring to the heart and mind...“Which is the thinker? Which is the feeler?”

- Before this tour what would your answer have been?
 - Did your answer change?
- If the heart thinks and has thoughts then what is the difference between the heart and the mind?

1 Samuel 16:7

1 Kings 8:39

Psalms 17:3

Psalms 86:11

Dr Del Tackett said "I submit to you, The heart is not separate from the mind. I believe the heart is actually the intersanctum of the mind. Truth claims exist outside of the mind. Some we don't know yet. Through various means the truth claims come into the mind. It doesn't mean we believe those claims. Only when they move into the heart and we begin to believe it is really real. That is what generates how we act, how we feel, and further thoughts. "

- What do you think about that statement?
- Do you see the "events" in our lives as obstacles to your script--or opportunities in the Meta-Narrative brought by the sovereign hand of God?
- Give an example of a time you may have seen an "event" as an obstacle but now you realize it was an opportunity given to you by God.
 - How were you feeling when you saw the "event" as an obstacle? What were you thinking?
 - When did you realize it was or could have been an opportunity instead of an obstacle?
- Share about a time you realized an "event" in your life was an opportunity brought by the sovereign hand of God?
 - How did knowing it was an opportunity change the way you viewed the "event"?

There is one neighbor that the scripture says it will be nearly impossible to reach. **Mark 6:4** "Then Jesus told them, 'A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family.' "

- Do you have any family members who you know need to have a relationship with God?
 - What do you do to help reach those family members who are hard to reach?
 - Do you pray for them?
 - What is your prayer for them?

Hebrews 2:10

Galatians 4:4-7

We are part of God's continuing seed line--He wants us to flourish.

- What is the biggest take-away for you this week?
- Share one thing you will commit to trying this week in an effort to engage your neighbors with wisdom.