Two Roads: Master or Disaster

Un-Losable

What happens to wisdom when we lose the un-losable? If salt loses its taste, it is no longer salt. It has lost something that is un-losable. In the process of becoming wise and crafting a masterpiece, there are a number of important elements. Wisdom requires vision, experience, and memory. But there is one more element that is essential to wisdom...and we have lost it.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the worst thing that you have ever lost? It doesn't even have to be the most valuable thing, just the one that sticks with you the most. Please share.
- 2. *Hokma* requires Vision (the ability to see the situation clearly), Experience (encountering this kind of situation before), and Memory (having learned from those experiences). This leads to the assertion, "I've been here before...I know what to do". Is there an area where you've have this in your life? Pease describe.
- 3. If wisdom is the ability to do the right thing at the right time and in the right way, we need to know what "right" is. What has been the source of your knowing right and wrong in your life? Discuss.
- 4. Jesus on the Cross is the wisdom of God. How is this true? What wisdom does Christ on the Cross reveal? Don't be afraid to share what you think!
- 5. "Ask where the way to good is, and walk it" says the prophet Jeremiah. How can you tell if you are walking the good road? Can you tell when you are on the other road? Please describe.

God in Real Life

I. This week, look at the image of Jesus on the Cross each day. As you gaze upon the "wisdom of God" in Christ, what is He revealing to you about truth, goodness, mercy, love, and wisdom? What does the crucifix reveal about a life that is a masterpiece?

To the Heart

"In a sort of ghastly simplicity we remove the organ and demand the function. We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honour and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful." \sim C.S. Lewis in *The Abolition of Man*