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EP 01 - The Way of Wisdom | Epic Day

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 I've Got Joy

WELCOME (1 min)

 Band backing

Good morning and welcome to church! As we get started I want to introduce myself, my name is ___ and I'm the pastor here at Epic ___. Today is a great day to be at church because it's Epic Day! Happy Epic Day everybody! I hope you got your official 2024 Epic Tshirt on the way in, looks good, right?!

Well if you're a regular with us, or if someone invited you to come hang with them today, I'm so glad that you're here. We have some fun moments planned, but most importantly, we hope that today is a meaningful experience for you. Our team has been praying that today would be fun and memorable, but also praying that you, and me, that all of us, that we would have a moment where we can meet with God. Maybe for the first time, or maybe for the first time in a long time.

 Band Backing Transition

Our band's gonna lead us in a couple more songs, and this next song does a great job describing our heart for you. You know, a lot of people think that being a Christian means that you have to have it all together. Or that you gotta get everything in your life cleaned up before you can come to God or even come to church. But that's just not true. You don't have to be perfect. You can come to God just as you are. And you can know that he loves you, that he wants to walk with you through every high and every low. He gives grace, hope, purpose, and peace in our lives. And that's what I want for me. That's what I want for you. That's what we want for every person in the city.

So it's my prayer that as you hear the words of this song, you would hear your heavenly father speaking to you.

 As You Are

 Deliverer

PRAYER (1 min)

 Band backing /  The Way of Wisdom


If I know one thing, I know that you are with us, God, and that you will see us through. So today I pray for anyone here that may be hurting. For anyone here today that may feel forgotten. I pray

for anyone who's here and you feel like you're too far away from God to turn to him now. I pray that today you begin to discover and know that he cares about you. He's near. He's available. And that your heavenly father wants to have a relationship with you no matter where you may be at on your spiritual journey..


God we thank you for your grace that you give without condition, and thank you that you call us to something greater than ourselves. We love you and trust you. Amen.



HOSTING (1 min)

 **Band backing** /  **The Way of Wisdom**

Thank you band, and thank you all for singing with us today! And hey, if you enjoy music like this, we want to invite you out to Worship Night, happening this Friday.  **Worship Night** Worship Night is an extended time of worship that we do a couple times a year, with people from across all of our Epic locations, coming together. It's gonna be so good. Here's why I want you to come. These times of worship can be so refreshing and healing for your heart and for your soul - I want that for you. So Worship Night is this Friday Night, 7:30 PM, hosted at Epic Roxborough. I hope you'll come.

Well it's Epic Day so I know we have some people with us for the first time, so church, c'mon let's put our hands together and welcome all of our guests! **< lead clapping >**

For anyone newer to Epic, man, we're so glad you're here. We have something special just for you at the end of the service today - it's called First Five.  **First Five** It's a 5-minute meetup that happens right after service, at the red tables in the lobby, we can't wait to meet you there.

And if you're new to Epic, or haven't been here in a while - you came at a great time because not only is it Epic Day, but today we're starting a new message series called "The Way of Wisdom."  **The Way Of Wisdom** So for everyone, before you take a seat, I wanna give you a moment to introduce yourself to the people around you, and answer this question.  **Question** **What is one of the best pieces of advice you've ever been given?** Alright go for it!

MEET & GREET (1 min)

Transition to  **ProPresenter Backing**


HOSTING (3 min)

 **ProPresenter Backing** /  **Hub**


Alright as you get settled, go ahead and pull out your phones because it's time to text in! Every time we get together for church we invite everyone to text in, but especially on Epic Day!

To text in - you can use the QR Code on the screen or text ____ to 215-999-8575.


When you text in, you'll get access to The Hub. On The Hub you can share a prayer request - we'd love to be praying with you about whatever may be going on in life right now. You can see there's information on giving, if you'd like to give to support the church.

And... on The Hub you can get access to our Every Person in the City Merch Drop!  Merch You get a free t-shirt today, but we also have an alternate color t-shirt and 2 hoodies for sale online for this month only! So get them before they're gone!

And the cool thing is that all proceeds go towards For Philly, which is the community outreach arm of our church. So you can order online, get a t-shirt or a hoodie, AND you get to support our For Philly efforts in and around the city. That's a win-win!

Speaking of being #ForPhilly and wins...I've got another special update for you - I'm excited to announce that this year we are once again hosting Philadelphia's largest Easter Egg hunt - The Philly Egg Hunt is back!  Philly Egg Hunt We had to put it on pause due to Covid, but we're bringing it back so that we can serve the families of our city in a really fun and memorable way. We're expecting thousands of people to attend the Philly Egg Hunt - it's an amazing family experience with face painting, a petting zoo, pony rides, balloon animals, pictures with the Easter bunny, and something like 50,000 eggs - all for FREE, and for our community.

So Volunteer signups are now open, for you, your coworkers, your gym buddies, your Life Group - this is a great way to volunteer and serve our community. You'll find the link to that on The Hub and on our website.

 Give So thank you to everyone who gives financially to support our church. We love our city and every person in it. That's why we host events free of charge, like the Philly Egg Hunt, to show people that we care. So thank you for being a giving church, a generous church, it's really making a difference in people's lives!

For those of us who give faithfully, it's helpful from time to time to reflect on what God is doing through our giving. It reminds us why our sacrifice matters. So to encourage you with that, I wanted to show you what we got to do together last year - take a look at our 2023 Year In Review.


 [2023 Year In Review Video](#)

HOSTING (2 min)


 ProPresenter backing /  The Way of Wisdom

I'm proud of our church and I'm glad to be a part. And I love that we're a church where every person matters. That's why these tshirts are really special, because they represent our heart - every person in the city.

Well, before we get to the message – we have a tradition on Epic Day, where we take selfies with our new t-shirts.

So here's what we're gonna do, I'm gonna give you a minute to  Take a Selfie, and you don't have to do it alone, you can pull some people together, and you can put your shirt on, or just drape it over you, or hold it up - whatever works for you! You can post it and tag us @epicchurch

Alright, ready? It's selfie time!

 Selfie Song  Forrest Frank - GOOD DAY (Official Audio)

Alright, can't wait to see your photos! It's time to get to our message today, so let's go ahead and join up with our other locations.


 Bumper //  Message

RESPONSE & CLOSE (2 min)

 ProPresenter Backing //  The Way Of Wisdom

Such a great message, and it's been a great day. Every time you're with us, we want you to leave feeling challenged and encouraged, and feeling like this is making a difference in your life, so I hope that's exactly what you experienced today. I hope you know, that whether you consider yourself a regular, or you're new, or maybe you haven't been around for a little while - you're welcome here, we want you here, and we believe that God wants to do something in your life. And we're here for that.

I would love for you to come back and join us for the rest of this series. We have Worship Night coming up, we have our Groups semester starting up in a couple weeks, the Philly Egg Hunt - lots of good stuff happening - and you should be a part of it.

 First Five And for everyone who's new here today, we're ready to meet you for First Five at the red tables in the lobby!

Thanks so much for hanging out with us for Epic Day – we'll see you back here next week!

 The Way Of Wisdom //  Walkout Song  Forrest Frank - GOOD DAY (Official Audio)