

Part 2: Critters April 16 & 17, 2016 Grant Fishbook, Lead Teaching Pastor

Proverbs 30:24-28

"Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; hyraxes are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces."

Critter Wisdom

Ants have little strength...

But they have the gift of *foresight* and *preparation*

So we should learn that a solid work ethic creates margin in the future

Hyraxes are feeble...

But they have the gift of wise sanctuary

So we should learn to find sanctuary in the rock that is Jesus Christ

Locusts are leaderless...

But they have the gift of community cooperation

So we should learn to create a <u>cooperative effort</u> to change the spiritual landscape of our community

Lizards are easily captured

But they have the gift of strategic access

So we should learn to discover and leverage our <u>unique place</u> in God's plan

Dear Jesus,

What is the one small thing you want me to adjust so that this wisdom can create the greatest effect?

Small things, done over a long period of time, create the <u>greatest impact</u>.

Next Steps

Are you a parent looking for some small but impactful adjustments you can make to create a more healthy, effective parent/child relationship? *Reset Families* can help. This upcoming workshop offers principles and tools to help you—right away and far into your family's future. Read more on today's program insert and register today at the Connection Point or online at **ctk.church/bellingham/classes**.

Friday, April 22 | 6:00-8:30 PM and Saturday, April 23 | 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Small Group Questions

- 1. What's your favorite critter? Why?
- 2. Is there one "small thing" you became, did, or adjusted last week that could create lasting impact? For example, I became grateful and chose to practice gratitude with intention. I was so blessed!
- 3. Which of the four small but wise creatures did you learn the most from? What small adjustment could you make to apply their wisdom in your life?
- 4. How does the unique gift of each of critter challenge you in your relationship with Jesus?
- 5. Simple wisdom is often the most profound. What is the most profound piece of spiritual wisdom you have ever received? What made it profound? Who said it to you?
- 6. What do you need prayer for today?