



The Scholé Way with Christopher Perrin

Lecture 8: The Journey and Fellowship of Scholé

Outline:

In this lesson, Dr. Christopher Perrin explores the role of friendship and community in embracing the Scholé way of learning. He emphasizes that restful learning cannot be implemented in isolation; it flourishes in relationships with like-minded individuals. Drawing on classical sources, he demonstrates how friendship supports the pursuit of wisdom, encourages perseverance, and fosters a culture of contemplation. The lecture also offers practical guidance for forming Scholé communities, participating in reading groups, and selecting curricula that align with restful learning principles.

"Friendship is an obstetric art. It draws out our richest and deepest resources. It unfolds the wings of our dreams and hidden indeterminate thoughts. It serves as a check on our judgments. It tries out new ideas. It keeps up our ardor and inflames our enthusiasm." — A.G. Sertillanges, The Intellectual Life

The Necessity of Friendship in Education

- The classical tradition values friendship in the pursuit of virtue.
- Aristotle, Cicero, Plato, and Augustine affirm the role of friendship in learning.
- Biblical examples include David and Jonathan, Christ and His disciples, and Paul and Barnabas.

Teachers as Lead Learners

- A teacher is a more mature student, and a student is an immature teacher.
- Teachers should model a disposition of restful and contemplative learning.
- Implementing Scholé should be gradual and intentional, not hurried.

Recovering Scholé in Community



- Learning is more effective when pursued with like-minded friends.
- The importance of accountability and encouragement in the learning journey.
- Sertillanges' insights on how friendship enhances intellectual and personal growth.

Practical Approaches to Scholé Communities

- Forming reading groups and Scholé meetings.
- Monthly gatherings with discussions, good food, and an unhurried atmosphere.
- Utilizing online resources such as ClassicalU and Scholé Academy.

Scholé Communities and Resources

- Overview of the Scholé Communities network.
- Free resources available for starting and sustaining a Scholé community.
- The broader application of restful learning beyond Scholé-branded groups.