

Seek Wisdom

Wisdom is attained through the knowledge of God and the love of His Word.



GOD'S STORY
THE TRANSFORMATION FOR ADULT LIFEGROUPS

Proverbs 3:1-12

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(Proverbs 3:1-12) ¹ My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
² for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.
³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
⁶ in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.
⁸ This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.
⁹ Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.
¹¹ My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,
¹² because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.

COMMUNITY – CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

- What are some examples of life situations we face that aren't moral choices? (Ex: decisions about love, marriage, family, career, leisure, etc.) Why is wisdom important when we face decisions like these?
- Other than from God and His Word, what are some places people might look for wisdom on how to face the situations mentioned?

CONTENT – EXPLORING GOD'S STORY

Have a volunteer read Proverbs 3:1-4

- What are the commands given to the young man in verses 1-4? What is the promised result of each of those commands?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What words emphasize the importance of studying Scripture?
- In what areas of your life does Scripture prove profitable? How? Have you noticed a change in these areas when you haven't been actively consuming God's Word?
- What does Scripture equip us to do? How does this work?
- Why are love and faithfulness important (v. 3)? What specific actions and attitudes reveal that we value love and faithfulness?
- Why would these two traits be associated with being wise? What connection do they have to knowing God and His Word?

Have a volunteer read Proverbs 3:5-8

- What three items did the author of Proverbs 3:5-6 suggest would improve a person's relationship with God? What would be the result if believers committed themselves to this type of living?
- What does it look like to trust in the Lord with all your heart? Why is this so challenging for us to do?
- What are some specific areas of your life in which it is easy to trust God? In which is it harder?

Have a volunteer read Proverbs 3:9-10

- What would it mean for a believer to honor the Lord with the "firstfruits" of the harvest today?
- What's the difference between giving to the Lord from the first portion of your income rather than the last?
- What do we communicate to God when we live for His kingdom rather than the world? What do we communicate to the world?

Have a volunteer read Proverbs 3:11-12

- What are the commands given to the young man in verses 11-12? What is the promised result of each of those commands?
- Read Revelation 3:19. Why does God rebuke His children? How does the Lord's discipline relate to His blessing?

COMMISSION – ENGAGING IN GOD'S STORY

- What are some seeds of the gospel that we see in this passage?
- How are you pursuing wisdom in your life right now? What step can you take this week based on our discussion?
- How can our group help one another treasure and submit to God's Word?

PRAYER: Close your group meeting in prayer. Praise God for who He is and how He is working in your midst. Ask Him to give your group and our church a recognition of dependency on Him and His wisdom.

CONTINUE TO JOURNEY THROUGH GOD'S STORY

Bible Reading Plan:

DAY 1 – 1 Kings 16:29-34, 17
 DAY 2 – 1 Kings 18-19
 DAY 3 – 1 Kings 21-22
 DAY 4 – 2 Kings 2
 DAY 5 – 2 Kings 5, 6:1-23

KEY VERSE: 2 Kings 6:17

H.E.A.R. Method:

Highlight a verse or two.
 Explain what the text means.
 Apply the verse to your life.
 Respond to God.

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