



Why Seek Wisdom? Proverbs (Apr 15)

Series Summary: In every area of our lives we are given advice and wisdom whether it be Biblical or not, but how do we distinguish what advice to listen to? The book of Proverbs tells of Godly wisdom to follow as opposed to what we hear from the world.

Big Idea/Question: The Bible tells us our wisdom and knowledge comes from God and His word. How are we able to attain that wisdom?

Leader Note: May be helpful early on to differentiate between wisdom and knowledge as they are not the same thing. Knowledge is simply knowing facts and info. Wisdom is taking the truth and putting it to use in actions. Godly wisdom is taking godly wisdom and acting on it to glorify God.

Get Them Talking: Who are the people you go to for advice? Why?

Proverbs 1:1-7 1 The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel: **2** for gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; **3** for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; **4** for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young— **5** let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance— **6** for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. **7** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Leader Note / Prudence: most kids will have no idea what this means. The definition I would use acting or tink with the future in mind. Aka “looking before you leap.”

Just based on the passage, what are the things that are mentioned we can do to gain Godly wisdom?

What are practical, everyday steps we can take to add to our Godly wisdom? (Prayer, reading the Bible, getting plugged into a Christian community, etc.)

Proverbs 3:5-8 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.

Why should we trust in God for everything rather than relying on our own understanding? How does this add to our wisdom?

How do we know if we are “leaning on our own understanding” in verse 5?

What does it mean to ‘fear the Lord’ in verse 7?

Who are the people that we SHOULD listen to for wisdom in our lives?