



Proverbs: Wisdom for Life

The Beginning of Wisdom
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Proverbs 1:1-7(CSB)

Main Thought: ***Wisdom is in Christ and is the right use of knowledge.***

Sermon Outline:

What is Wisdom?

- Wisdom is **understanding**.
- Wisdom is **instruction**.
- Wisdom is **discernment**.
- Wisdom is **guidance**.

Where does Wisdom begin?

- **Fear of the Lord**

Life Group Discussion:

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- Pastor Jim spoke to the opportunity we have to share our story with people. Discuss with your group how you were present for someone this week to share your story.

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- Who or what have been some of the places, people, and books you have sought out for advice during different seasons of your life?
- What are some words of wisdom you have carried with you throughout your life?

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 10 minutes*)

- On Sunday, we discussed the source of wisdom. Consider with one another whether wisdom and knowledge are essentially the same, or is there a distinction. How have you failed to apply wisdom even though you had the knowledge pertaining to a situation?
- There are so many ways in which we attempt to attain wisdom. Proverbs ascribes one essential component for us to gain wisdom. What is it and why is it the essential for wisdom in our lives?



- What “noise” would have kept the Israelites from hearing God’s truth? How much of a problem is similar noise to us today? What are the things that keep us from hearing God today?

Digging Deeper: (Suggested Time 25 minutes)

Proverbs 1:7 provides us with the theme of the book of Proverbs. Take a look at the following passages and discover how people displayed “the fear of the Lord”

- Exodus 20:18-21; Joshua 2:1-14; Job 1:1,4-5; Psalm 112:1; 128:1
- In light of these verse, how would you define “the fear of the Lord”?
- Why would this be the essence of our first steps in gaining knowledge?

Application: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

- Take a look at some of the “noises” that surround your life? Make a list of all the things that fill your day and command your attention. Consider how you might create more space in your days to listen for God’s wisdom.
- What are one or two things from this opening chapter of Proverbs that you would like to work on this week? Then look for ways to put into practice these things.
- Wisdom begins with our right relationship with Christ. How are you putting that relationship at the forefront of your everyday? How is your relationship in Christ leading you to share your story with others?

Group Prayer Requests: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 10 minutes)