



Group Discussion Questions

FAQ Series - Why is love so important to God?
September 28 & October 1, 2017

Who did you know growing up that you looked up to because they had great common sense? Mom or Dad, a neighbor, teacher? Why?

Read aloud: Proverb 1

See if you can name the 5 purposes for the book of Proverbs without looking at your notes?

How is the wisdom of a skillful craftsman, sailor, singer, administrator or counselor demonstrated, seen, heard, observed? Who do you know who has one of those skills and how impressed are you with their skill? What if you added "athlete" to that list?

Have you ever been impacted by someone's discernment, the ability to see between or read between the lines? Ever have a parent seemingly read your mind?

Since righteousness is the ability to bring right harmony, have you ever been associated with a person who's good at bringing two people or issues together in harmony?

Prudence is a common-sense approach to using resources and people in a healthy way to create action and answers. When have you been mentored, coached or just exposed to older people that took you from naïve to experienced? They helped you gain not just knowledge but prudence (right action at right time) and common sense.

Finally, understanding is that cache of factual knowledge that exists in your head from academic study. What did you study in High School, College or Grad School that has been a blessing in your life? Was the teacher effective and wise?

Answer these 5 application questions:

- #1. Does your heart love to obey God's Word and can you share one memory of obedience?
- #2. Do your eyes love to see past the surface into people's real problems and help them?
- #3. What have you said no to or yes to lately that helps you grow in righteousness?
- #4. State your purpose in life in one sentence. It might involve work or home or both.
- #5. How do you hone your mind with knowledge; books, internet, TV, cd or DVD's?

Family Time: Go buy a package of Oreo's. Sit down and read Proverbs 1:2a & 4 (just those 3 lines.) Teach your kids that "Wisdom is anything that takes knowledge plus practiced skill," make sure they memorize that definition. Teach them to take an Oreo and unscrew it so the two dark circles come apart whole. Then eat the frosting on the inside and throw away the other part. That's skillful wisdom!!!