

## **Bridge Church Home Groups Questions**

Series: Finding Chemistry with God Message: Loving God with your Mind Pastor Ryan Pedde

## QUESTIONS:

- 1. Read Proverbs 2:1-11. In this passage the writer of Proverbs encourages us to seek wisdom. Have you ever had a moment in your life where you learned something about God from the Bible that affected you in a deep way? Share the story.
- 2. In his commentary on Proverbs Paul Koptak writes: "[Proverbs 2] not only urges the learner to listen, it encourages him or her to become active in acquiring learning, storing up, turning the ear, inclining the heart, crying aloud, and searching relentlessly. In a word, wisdom is a gift, but wisdom requires work."
  - a. What do you think that he means by "wisdom requires work?" What might the work look like?
  - b. What is it about our sound-bite-google-search-time-obsessed-culture that might make us adverse to the "work" needed to obtain wisdom?
- 3. Read Proverbs 2:1-11 again slowly. What are the promises of God for those who seek wisdom and understanding? What is the gift?
- 4. As followers of Jesus, we have two thousand years of rich community theology that we can learn from. If you have some, who are your favorite Christian theologians or teachers? Why?
- 5. Gary Thomas writes "Seeking knowledge for the sake of accumulating more facts or winning an argument can be an exercise in pride and result in arrogance."
  - a. What are the temptations of the intellectual regarding the Christian faith?
  - b. How can we engage God with our minds without slipping into temptation?

## CHALLENGE:

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