



The Good Life
Part 1: Pleasure or Life
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HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)

1. Check in to see how everyone's week was.
2. Take time to review this week's teaching and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, and encouraged you.
3. Check out the Bible project video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gab04dPs_uA

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

4. . What does **The Good Life** look like to you?
 - What comes to mind when you think of the word wisdom? What role might wisdom play in living the good life?
 - Are there any people in your life you would consider to be wise? What are they like?
5. Read **Proverbs 9:1-6, 9:13-18**.
 - Proverbs is speaking about Wisdom and Folly (foolishness) in terms of two different women. The writer is telling us that both want our complete attention and desire. **How does that change how you think about wisdom? What else sticks out from this text?**
 - Wisdom is an entire way of looking at life and making decisions. So is folly. Where do you think wisdom comes from? How can we look to the book of Proverbs to help us make wise choices?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)

6. Wisdom offers life with no mention of pleasure. Folly offers pleasure with no mention of death. There is a difference between **temporary pleasure** and **the good life**. What is the difference? What role does hardship and sacrifice play in living the good life?
7. How did Jesus demonstrate wisdom throughout his life? What can we learn from Jesus that might inspire us to pursue the good life? How can we embrace the skill of wisdom daily in our lives?
8. *End by praying for one another.*