



Message Discussion Questions

7/30/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story: Proverbs

WEEK: 1

MESSAGE: Wisdom

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Jared McKinney

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth and enhance biblical community.

1. What is your favorite modern day proverb? Do you know who coined that phrase?
2. Share a story when you trusted in and followed your own way. How did that turn out for you?
3. What comes to mind when you hear these two words: Wisdom and Discipline? Which one is more of a challenge for you? How do you express each one in your life? How do you define wisdom?
4. Read James 1:5-8. What is something you currently need godly wisdom for in your life and why? Have you asked God for it? Who will partner with you in your praying?
5. How do you differentiate the type of fear that we experience, (heights, spiders, snakes, public speaking, etc.) to the fear of the Lord? How does the fear of the Lord bring about freedom and confidence?
6. Looking at Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 9:10; 28:26...How do you interpret these verses? What is promised and what is our responsibility or our part based on these verses? Is there something specific in the promises you desire?
7. How important is it for Christ followers to read the Bible? How important is it for Christ followers to live what the Bible says? Is one more important than the other? Why or why not? See James 1:22-25 for truth and perspective.
8. Challenge your group to read one Proverb each day for the month of August. Individually or in a group text share some of your insights from your daily reading.
9. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion? Be specific. Try attaching a name and date to your action step. _____.

WANT TO GROW DEEPER? We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the App.



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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church