



Message Discussion Questions

8/6/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story:

WEEK: 2

MESSAGE: Path to Wisdom

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Stephen Masters

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. Talk about your favorite hiking trail, walking path, road trip, or river to float. What makes it your favorite?
2. What did you learn from reading the Proverbs this week? What challenged you to make a change in how you live your life?
3. What words would you use to describe or define "trust"? Do you have an example from your life where trust was exercised?
4. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. What do you see is our responsibility and what is the promised result? How do you live out this responsibility? What about the promise is desirable to you and why?
5. Where in your life do you feel as if you are on '99 miles of S-curves?' What does life feel like when you are traveling on smooth straight roads?
6. Read Luke 8:40-56 to see what it looks like to trust God instead of leaning on your own understanding. What did the people who interacted with Jesus, i.e. the crowd, Jairus, "the woman", the disciples, the mourners, Jairus' wife) need to let go of in order to trust him? Which person or persons do you most identify with in this passage?
7. What is a recent life issue or situation that makes it hard to not "lean on your own self or understanding"? Why do you think this is difficult for you? How can you change your perspective and allow Jesus to be in control of your situation? Who in your group will you ask to walk alongside you through this issue?
8. The way we live our lives influences others. How would the people close to you, family, friends, co-workers, neighbors say you live your life? Would Jesus be mentioned in the description? If not, what would be a first step towards making Jesus a larger part of your life?
9. Continue to challenge your group to read one Proverb each day this coming week. Be ready to share something you learned from your reading.
10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

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