



# DISCIPLESHIP WITH THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

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## Discussion Questions:

The sermon defines wisdom as 'learning how to live right in God's world' -- in what areas of your life do you find it most difficult to choose God's way over your own, and what has that struggle revealed to you about your trust in him?

The book of Proverbs is framed as a father discipling his son across a wide range of life topics -- who in your life has played that kind of broad, consistent discipleship role, and how has their influence shaped the way you follow God today?

The pastor distinguishes between big, powerful spiritual moments and the daily consistency of discipleship -- which of these has had a greater lasting impact on your own faith, and why do you think that is?

Deuteronomy 6:4-8 calls parents to weave conversation about God into every part of the day, from waking to sleeping -- what would it look like practically for your household to live out this kind of constant, woven-in faith?

The sermon suggests that letting your children see God respond to prayer is one of the most powerful discipleship tools available -- can you recall a moment when witnessing answered prayer deepened your own faith, and how might you create more of those moments for the people around you?

The pastor argues that nothing in your life is more important than discipling your children or your home -- how does that claim challenge or confirm the current priorities reflected in how you spend your time and energy?

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus promises to be with his followers always as they go and make disciples -- how does the reality of his presence change the way you approach the responsibility of discipling others, especially when you feel inadequate or unprepared?

The story of the pastor's friend stepping out in faith to disciple someone and then witnessing God move powerfully illustrates the connection between obedience and experiencing God's favor -- where in your life might God be inviting you to take a similar step of faith in discipleship?

The sermon draws a connection between baptism and the reality that God is actively transforming hearts and lives -- how does witnessing someone else's spiritual transformation affect your own sense of urgency or passion for discipleship?

If discipleship is best described as training rather than a series of isolated events, what habits, rhythms, or practices might you need to build or rebuild in your home to make that kind of consistent spiritual formation a reality?



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## Wisdom From Proverbs: Discipleship and the Call to Train Up Your Family

### Overview

This session draws from the book of Proverbs and the broader theme of wisdom as learning how to live right in God's world. The focus is on discipleship, particularly the call to be constant and consistent in training our families to love and honor God. This is not a passive responsibility but an intentional, daily commitment rooted in the promise that God is with us every step of the way.

### Key Takeaways

1. Wisdom is learning how to live right in God's world, and that includes how we do marriage, parenting, finances, friendships, and every other area of life God's way.
2. The book of Proverbs, especially chapters 1 through 9, is a picture of discipleship in action, a father consistently and intentionally teaching his son how to honor God across every area of life.
3. The best strategy for discipleship is not a few big, powerful moments but constant and consistent investment in the people God has placed in your life.
4. Deuteronomy 6:4-8 calls parents to talk about God again and again, at home, on the road, in the morning, and at night, making him the center of daily life.
5. Matthew 28:18-20 reminds us that we can disciple with confidence not because of our own ability but because Jesus promised to be with us always.

### Discussion Questions

#### Opening Question (to help the group ease into conversation)

- Think back to someone who consistently poured into your life spiritually, whether a parent, mentor, coach, or friend. What did that look like, and how did it shape you?

#### Digging Deeper

1. The sermon defines wisdom as learning how to live right in God's world. In which area of your life, whether marriage, parenting, finances, or relationships, do you feel the most tension between doing things your way and doing things God's way? What would it look like to surrender that area to him?
2. Proverbs 22:6 uses the word "train," which implies intentionality and repetition. How intentional are you currently when it comes to discipling the people in your household or your sphere of influence? What does that intentionality look like in practice, or where is it lacking?
3. Deuteronomy 6:4-8 paints a picture of God being woven into every part of daily life, morning, evening, at home, on the road. What are some practical moments in your

everyday routine where you could naturally bring God into the conversation?

4. The sermon makes the point that discipleship is not about hitting a home run every time but about being constant and consistent. Do you find yourself waiting for the big, powerful moment instead of being faithful in the small, everyday ones? What might need to change?
5. Matthew 28:18-20 closes with Jesus saying he is with us always. How does that promise change the way you approach the responsibility of discipling your family or others? Does it bring you confidence, or do you still feel unqualified? Why?
6. The sermon encourages making prayer a first response, not a last resort, especially in front of your children or those you are discipling. How does your current practice of prayer reflect or contradict that value?

## Practical Applications

Choose one or more of the following to put into practice before your group meets again.

- Start a daily rhythm. Identify one moment each day, whether at breakfast, during a car ride, or before bed, where you intentionally bring God into the conversation with your family or someone you are investing in. Commit to it for the next seven to fourteen days and report back to the group.
- Pray out loud with someone this week. If you have children, a spouse, a roommate, or a friend you are discipling, pause and pray with them out loud when a need arises. Do not wait for the right words. Just pray.
- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-8 and Proverbs 22:6 together as a household. Discuss what it would look like for your family to actually live out the picture described in Deuteronomy 6. Write down two or three specific, realistic steps.
- Give God credit out loud. This week, when something good happens, say it aloud to whoever is with you. Acknowledge that God is faithful and good. Make it a habit to point the people around you toward him in moments of blessing.
- Reach out to someone you are trying to disciple. Take a step you have been hesitant to take. Trust that Matthew 28:18-20 is true, that Jesus is with you, and that his promise covers your obedience even when you feel unqualified.

## Closing Reflection

Take a few minutes as a group to sit quietly and consider this question individually before closing in prayer.

What is one thing God is calling you to do differently when it comes to discipling the people he has placed in your life?

## Closing Prayer

Close your time together by praying specifically for the homes and families represented in your group. Ask God to give each person the courage to be intentional, the consistency to keep going, and the confidence that comes from knowing he is with them always.