

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 1 of The Wise Life

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1. The Fear of the Lord Begins Wisdom

Discuss:

- *How does a healthy fear of God shape the way we view wisdom and instruction?*
- *Why do you think humility is so closely tied to wisdom (Proverbs 15:33)?*
- *How has reverence for God changed the way you make decisions in your own life?*

2. The Fear of the Lord Breaks Sin

Discuss:

- *Why do you think Proverbs connects fearing God with turning away from evil?*
- *How does pride keep us from truly fearing God (Proverbs 8:13)?*
- *How does the fear of the Lord protect us from being “wise in our own eyes” (Proverbs 3:7)?*

3. The Fear of the Lord Brings Life

Discuss:

- *In what ways does fearing God bring both confidence and security (Proverbs 14:26)?*
- *How is “life” described in these verses more than just physical years on earth?*
- *How can we experience rest and satisfaction by living in the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 19:23)?*

4. The Fear of the Lord Builds Faithfulness

Discuss:

- *How does fearing God keep us from envying others who seem to succeed without Him?*
- *What hope is connected to a life lived in the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 23:18)?*
- *In what ways does fearing God strengthen your consistency in following Him over the long haul?*

