

The Good Life

Wisdom, Folly, and the Pit

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

"The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; 4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— 5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, 6 to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." Pr. 1:1-7 (ESV)

"20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; 21 at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?" Proverbs 1:20-22 (ESV)

"My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God." Proverbs 2:1-5 (ESV)

"5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. 6 Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar." Proverbs 30:5-6 (ESV)

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group. (15 Min)

- Who or where do you go to when you are seeking advice?
- Would you consider yourself "book smart" or would you say you have more "street smarts?"

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- Read Proverbs 1:1-7. What is the purpose of the book of Proverbs? Who is it written for?
- Look at verse 7. What makes someone foolish?
- Read Proverbs 1:20-33. Why would someone reject Wisdom?
- Read 2:1-15. What are some of the benefits of Wisdom?
- Read Proverbs 30:5-6. What warning does it give you here? What comfort could it also bring knowing God will expose liars?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- How can you tell the differences between true knowledge/wisdom, and your own personal thoughts on something?
- The internet is a fast way to learn something new - how do you think it has both helped and hurt people in their quest of wisdom and knowledge?
- Where does Wisdom come from? What does it mean to have the fear of the Lord?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week. (10 Min)

- Wisdom is for those who are willing to be teachable and want to learn. How can you humble yourself to receive wisdom this week?
- Where will you go to seek God's wisdom this week? Who can you talk to?

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- God, in Your word You promise to grant wisdom when we ask for it. Remind us that all wisdom and knowledge comes from You. Help us to discern what is true from what is not. Thank You for your forgiveness when we chose our own ways over Yours. Amen.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. (15 Min)

1. What has God been teaching you in His word this week? Is there anything you need to repent of?
2. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection)
4. Pray for one another.