

# GET WISDOM

## A SERIES IN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

## Discussion Questions 7/16/23

### Exceedingly Wise Pt. 2

**Intro:** We've learned in this series that wisdom is different from knowledge. Wisdom is not measured by intelligence, but one's ability to learn, adapt, survive, and even thrive. How do we apply what we learn in order to better our chances at survival? At success? Within relationships? The connection between knowledge and application is where wisdom is born. And as we've learned in this series, the best place to "get wisdom" is from our creator Himself.

**Story:** Pastor Ricky mentioned that all of the animals we discussed have severe limitations, but managed to live a skillful life. The ant is small, but its ability to plan well helps it to survive. What are some limitations that you have overcome to survive? How have you applied knowledge you've learned along the way to overcome such limitations?

**Read:** Proverbs 30:24-28

1. Another characteristic of a skillful life is security. Nahum 1:7 says "The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. He is close to those who trust in Him". Our Old Testament heroes sought security in caves while praying for protection. Where do you turn when you need shelter from what life throws at you?
2. Read Matthew 7:24-27. The rock badger builds its home in and along rocks for protection. Discuss how this relates to what Jesus tells us in Matthew. What are some ways that we can build our lives in and along our Rock for protection?
3. Locusts give us a picture of unity to live a skilled life. Why do you suppose it's difficult for humans to work as well together to live in unity? As believers, what can we do to strengthen the unity in the Church?
4. Human beings are uniquely equipped for relationship and community. How can we use these unique gifts to overcome our personal limitations and live a skilled life?
5. This week's proverb closes with a reward. "...yet it lives in kings' palaces". There are many rewards and promises that accompany wisdom in the Bible. Discuss some of these rewards that you've seen in your journey through the book of Proverbs this month.

**Pray for:**

- Wisdom.

- Humility to acknowledge where you lack wisdom and ask God to make your paths straight
- Transformation in your character - to be a person who trusts God to provide the wisdom and then bear that image to the world around you.