THE BOOK OF PROVERS

Discussion Questions 6/25/23

The Beginning of Wisdom

Intro: How do we get wisdom? Fear God. The proverbs say that the beginning of wisdom is to get wisdom, but then it breaks down that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Wisdom is knowledge applied. God has given his people a job to do and the only way to accomplish the things that he has for us is for us to practice wisdom in this life.

Story: Have you ever had a time you felt like you knew something well and when you went to do it you quickly realized that the theory you knew was not working out in an applicable way? What about a time someone came to you and you felt like you didn't know enough but God still used your words anyway? Either share a time that you wish God would have provided wisdom or a time when he did provide it.

Read: Proverbs 1:1-7

- 1. What are some reasons Solomon would have written so much to his sons about wisdom?
- 2. Jesus told us that we are to participate with him in his mission of redeeming this world. What are reasons we need wisdom to help accomplish this?
- 3. In Proverbs 4:7, it says, "The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom." What does this statement mean to you? How can we actively pursue wisdom in our lives?
- 4. What is the role of humility in acquiring wisdom?
- 5. Read Exodus 31. What is the importance of wisdom in the physical work that God has called his people to? How does wisdom in this regard apply to your own life?

Pray for:

- Wisdom.
- Repentance for the foolishness and slothfulness that may exist in your life.
- Motivation in pursuing wisdom that it might be a partnership between you and God rather than simply something you expect God to give.