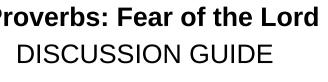


Proverbs: Fear of the Lord



SERMON SUMMARY:

Wisdom is a virtue that many people try to grab hold of. We ascribe to philosophy, intellectualism, science, and religion to unlock the mystery of living a wisdom filled life. Solomon who was credited to be one of the wisest people to ever live shows us in his opening portions of the book that the Fear of The Lord is what gives us access to wisdom and knowledge. As we begin our summer series through the book of Proverbs, we'll see that you're not just reading a book of good advice but God's way of life for you!

Key Passage: Proverbs 1:1-7: 9:10

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

OUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a quide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week? What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week? Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

When you hear the phrase "Fear of the Lord" what is the first thing that comes into your mind?

According to Verse 2-6, what is the purpose of the book of Proverbs?

Wisdom is more than just intellectual knowledge. It's action or skill. What are some of the words Solomon uses to describe wisdom and how would you define it?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

If fearing the Lord is a healthy sense of awe and reverence for who He is and what He has done, when was the last time you were amazed at what God did for you?

We can't master wisdom in our own strength. Instead, God gives it to us by his grace. So how does this passage point us to the good news of the Gospel?

What practices do you need to implement to grow in wisdom for every-day living?