



# Life Group Guide

A GUIDE FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY



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## THOUGHTS WHEN READING PROVERBS

1. *No one saying in Proverbs gives a complete picture. "Only all together do the proverbs bring us a wise, nuanced, theologically-rich, many-faceted view of the world." (Tim Keller)*
2. *Read Proverbs in light of Christ and His character.*
3. *Questions to ask yourself:*
  - ▶ *Where in my life or the life of another have I seen this illustrated?*
  - ▶ *How can I put what I've read into practice – in thought, attitude, word or deed?*
4. *How can this passage shape my prayer back to God?*

## PROVERBS SERMON SERIES | SUNDAY, NOV. 7

### KNOWING JESUS, THE TRUE WISDOM

BASED ON THESE READINGS

Proverbs 30:1-5 | Mark 6:2

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.  
Proverbs 9:10*

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### OPENING PRAYER

Father of all Wisdom and Understanding, we praise you for sending Jesus to earth "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Thank you that Christ is our wisdom, has made us right with you, made us pure and holy and freed us from sin. Therefore we will not boast of our wisdom, strength or riches, but we will boast in you and about you, Lord, and give all praise to you. In your gracious, loving name we pray, Amen.

### CONNECTING QUESTION

The saints of God through the centuries were not the people who relied on their own wisdom or were more religious or wise by worldly standards. They were not those who sought to live wholeheartedly by all the teaching in the Proverbs. The saints of God were those who found true wisdom in Jesus Christ, who put their trust in him, and who found in him the fountain of life and wisdom. Talk about a saint you have known and how they influenced your life.

## EXPLORE THE TEXT

### HOW MUCH DO WE KNOW?

1. Read Proverbs 30:1-3. What does Agur say about himself? Would you say this or something different about yourself?

2. Read Proverbs 30:4-5. What does Agur have to say about God, his power and his wisdom? (See Isaiah 40:12-14)

3. Talk about something in creation that amazes you. How does it show you the wisdom of God?

### **JESUS THE WISDOM OF GOD**

1. Read Isaiah 11:1-3. How is Jesus described here? Which of these qualities has made a difference in your life?

2. How do you see Jesus as wisdom in a person? (See Mark 6:1-3; Luke 4:14-21; 1 Corinthians 1:24)

3. Tim Keller says, "Jesus is not like other teachers, whose principles we simply memorize and try to live by. Rather infinite treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in him. The wisdom of Christ comes as much through communing with him in our hearts as through studying him with our minds." How have you found this to be true in your life?

### **GOD'S FOOLISHNESS WISER THAN THE WISE**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 25. What has God done in his wisdom that seems like foolishness to the world? Why do you think the world doesn't get it?

2. According to 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, who does God call? What or where were you when God called you?

3. Even Paul did not preach in human wisdom: "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the spirit's power so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power." (1 Corinthians 2:4-5) How does that encourage you as you share Jesus and the wisdom of God with others?

4. Agur admitted he was a "stupid" man and did not understand many things. What do we know and have that he did not? (1 Corinthians 1:30-31).

### **FOLLOWING JESUS**

Tim Keller says: "In Jesus we receive everything we need to live in wisdom." Are you living in wisdom? Are you living in the power of Christ or in your own power and understanding? Give some thought about how you can get to know Jesus better, learn how he thinks, what his attitudes are, and what actions would please him.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Thank God for what he has given you in Christ and that you do not have to attain godly wisdom in your own power. Pray for each other and where you need to let Jesus be your wisdom in your circumstances. Pray for bold humility as you share Jesus, the wisdom of God, with others.

*Our Father...*