



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?*

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“KNOWING GOD”

BASED ON THESE READINGS

Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 14:26-27, 16:6, 16:20, 19:23, 21:30, 28:14, 30:5-6 | Matthew 6:25-33

*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

Heavenly Father, our human hearts are so divided. We often fall into the trap of believing that our security and wisdom comes from the things of this world. Help us, Lord, to remember that knowing you will lead to lasting and eternal wisdom. Remind us that if we seek you above all things, everything will fall into its proper place. "Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name." (Psalm 86:11) Amen.

CONNECTING QUESTION

Think of a time you felt awestruck. What specifics led you to that feeling?

EXPLORE THE TEXT

1. Tim Keller describes two kinds of fear: Fear of God's power and holding God in awe. How does having a true fear of the Lord lead us to serve him out of joy?
2. We often look at worldly things for security, but God's power is all we need. Do you fear the power of God? Why or why not?
3. Proverbs 19:23 says "The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble." How can knowing the attributes of God bring us contentment?

4. When people who know you well watch what you do under pressure, what do they see? How can we demonstrate our confidence in God's power and how we put our trust in him alone?
5. There is so much disorder in our world. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2. What does Paul tell us about God's wisdom in providing order and structure? How do we find our security in this truth?
6. Read Proverbs 9:10 and reflect on the holiness of God, according to scripture. Because of our sin, we can't fathom his holiness! How can meditating on God's holiness lead to both our fear of him and our trust in him?
7. Read Proverbs 14:26. When we truly fear the Lord, we find our security and refuge in him. How is our experience with life's trials influenced by the amount of time we spend seeking wisdom from the world (news sources, social media) compared to how much time we spend reflecting on God's Word and the wisdom it brings?

FOLLOWING JESUS

Commit to reading God's Word consistently over the next two weeks. Reflect on the attributes of God as you read (holy, just, merciful, sovereign, etc.). Keep a journal to record the ways that God makes himself known in scripture and how it might encourage you to know and trust Him in your life today.

CLOSING PRAYER

"Lord, 'give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name'" (Psalm 86:11). Ask God to make himself real in your life so that you might truly fear him and find security in his wisdom and power. Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share the wisdom of the Lord with others so they may experience the same peace and security.

Our Father...