



WEEK ONE

WISDOM IS ESSENTIAL

Proverbs 1-2

SERMON REFLECTION

1. Describe one of your main takeaways from this Sunday's sermon.
2. What did you learn about wisdom that you can apply to your life this week?

BIBLE STUDY

1. Proverbs 1:1-6 lists purposes for the book of Proverbs. What are those purposes?
2. How are Proverbs 1:15-16 and Psalm 1:1 similar?
3. Why do you think metaphors about paths, ways, and roads (Prov. 1:15, 19; Prov. 2:9, 12-15, 18-19, 20-22) are used when teaching about wisdom?
4. According to Proverbs 2:1-8, how can you grow in the fear of the Lord?

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Think about someone you consider wise. What attributes cause you to view them as wise?
2. Proverbs 1:5-6 teaches us that a wise person is marked by teachability. Are you teachable? What about those closest to you? Why or why not?
3. Is it possible for someone to be wise yet reject Christ?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Talk with your children about why listening is necessary in order to gain wisdom. Perhaps start with a simple object lesson on knowledge vs. wisdom, like this [sponge and water](#) analogy.

Wisdom allows us to live in a way honoring to God. Why do you think wisdom is important (wait for responses)? How do you think we get wisdom (wait for responses)? Listening is the first step to growing in wisdom. When we listen, we are able to soak up a lot of knowledge from those who love us!

Listen to what King Solomon, King David's son, told children to do with their parent's teaching, "Pay close attention, friend, to what your father tells you; never forget what you learned at your mother's knee. Wear their counsel like flowers in your hair, like rings on your fingers" (Prov. 1:8-9 MSG).

APPLICATION

Seek to spend time with someone wise, such as the person you listed under question 1 in the General Questions section. Make a plan to have at least one conversation a month with that wise person. Ask questions about life, relationships, God, etc. Listen and be teachable.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Book: [*The Goldsworthy Trilogy: Gospel and Kingdom, Gospel and Wisdom, The Gospel in Revelation*](#)

Book: [*Hear, My Son: Teaching and Learning in Proverbs 1-9*](#)

Blog: [*"Wisdom and Love"*](#)

Article: [*"Wisdom for Parents of Teenagers"*](#)

Podcast: [*"How to Have a Healthy Fear of God"*](#)