

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of June 21, 2015

This Week's Focus: The fundamental and foundational principles in studying the book of Proverbs.

This Week's Text: Proverbs 1:1-7

Wisdom:

- *"It combines the idea of observation, obedience, careful planning, prudent conduct, and sensitivity to God's will."* **David Hubbard**
- *"God's design and plan for life."* **Bruce Waltke**
- *"Is that godly quality of assessing a situation and finding a godly way forward."* **Paige Patterson**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. **Psalms 130:3-4**

Related Texts: Hebrews 12:5-13

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What was most inspiring about this week's text/sermon?
- Define wisdom. Why is wisdom needed? Reference verses 2-6.
- What is a proverb? Although proverbs are not commands or promises, how are they helpful? Reference Proverbs 4:13.
- What does Solomon mean by the word instruction in verse 2? Reference Proverbs 3:11 and Hebrews 12:5-11.
 - Why is instruction necessary and what does it produce in us?
 - What does it imply regarding our relationship with God?
 - How does it evidence God's love and goodness?
- What, if anything, is keeping you from receiving the rejuvenating and wise instruction of God?
- Discuss the hope that is available to the simple and the youth. Reference verses 3-4.

- Discuss the need for perpetual humility in the life of the wise man or woman of God.
- According to verse 7, the fear of the LORD is the cornerstone of skilled living (wisdom). What does it mean to have a healthy fear of God? Contrast positive fear with negative fear.
- What is significant about the title LORD as it is used in this passage? Reflect on your relationship with God. Does your life evidence a reverence, awe, wonder, and love for the God who first loved you?
- What do you most fear losing? Is that thing the source of your identity or is your identity built solidly on the never-changing, faithful, and loving God?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the wisdom of God? Reference 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.
- How does this passage point to the Gospel and the mission of God's Church?

Next Week's Text: Proverbs 1 & 2