

PROVERBS

Week 1: Invitation to Wisdom

Primary Passage(s): Proverbs 1:1-7

Related Passages: James 1:5, 1 Corinthians 1:20-31

"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom."

- Charles Spurgeon

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read and Recap Proverbs 1:1-7: Have someone from your Lifegroup read the primary scripture from this week and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- What are the biggest stressors, fears and frustrations in your life?

- Where do you see problems in life and not know what to do? Or where are there problems in your life where the solution you thought would work is failing?
- How would you explain the differences between wisdom and knowledge in your own words? How have you seen knowledge without wisdom backfire on yourself or others?

Read Proverbs 1:3-6 again. Do you have more of a "live and learn" or a "learn and live" approach to life? What (if anything) makes you resistant to learning from other's experiences?

Read Proverbs 1:7 and 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. Where is God's wisdom causing you to live in ways that appear foolish to the world? How does the gospel free us up to humbly submit our lives to God in the fear the Lord?

Pray for the gospel to renew our hearts to repent from being wise in our own eyes, humbly walk by the fear of the Lord and gladly seek Jesus who is our wisdom.

Pray that we will seek wisdom as a precursor to decision making, not as an afterthought.