

BEFORE THE SESSION:

- Look over the suggested questions to the right. Ask God to guide you to the ones that will work best for your group.
- Be prepared to get the discussion going in your group if they're not feeling it today.
- Don't feel like you have to know all there is to know about scripture. Use this week's study notes to prepare yourself. But, if something arises that you can't answer, tell your group, "That's a great question. I'll research that and get back with you." Then, email eddie.mosley@lifepointchurch.org for help.

THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

God gives wisdom to bring glory to Himself.

TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK:

Read about Solomon as he builds and dedicates the temple.

AS YOU READ...

...Think about who in your life needs to hear about the things you're reading.

CONNECT**(10 min.)**

Choose one or both of the following questions to begin your time together as a group.

1. **Who is someone that you believe is wise? How does this person demonstrate wisdom?**
2. **Who or where do you most often seek wisdom and guidance when you have a big decision to make?**

EXPLORE**(40 min.)**

Say something like, "Today we are learning about how and where we gain Godly wisdom." Then guide your group through these questions.

3. **If you were in worship this week, what statement or experience stood out to you? What stood out during last week's reading?**

(Leader: Take some time to discuss any questions that may have arisen as your members read through this week's assigned reading.)
4. **Read Proverbs 1:1-7. Who is the Creator and Giver of wisdom? According to verses 5 and 7, how does a person become wise and make wise decisions in life?**
5. **What do you think "fear of the Lord" mean (verse 7)?**
6. **In Proverbs 1:8 and throughout Proverbs, Solomon focuses on the parent/child relationship. Why do you think this is? How is heeding parental instruction related to verse 7?**
7. **If wisdom is the fruit of a relationship with God, what did Jesus' perfect relationship with God (the Father) indicate about the nature of His decisions and actions?**
8. **Read James 1:5-6. How does James say that we can gain wisdom? Why must we seek wisdom from God and not ourselves? What are some practical ways you can do that this week?**

TRANSFORM**(10 min.)**

Say something like, "Today we've seen how we can begin to live in the wisdom of the Lord". Then wrap up your time by asking the following question and praying together.

9. **What did you learn about God from our discussion? About people? What will you do with what you learned?**

This Week's Study Notes:

Scripture Notes

Proverbs 1:2

The main theme in Proverbs is wisdom, the nature of it and how to obtain it. The proverbs are common-sense guidelines for living. They teach that wisdom begins with fearing the Lord.

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord involves acknowledging God's power and sovereignty, then offering our obedience in light of it. The fool disregards God's presence and power, acting as if personal satisfaction is all that matters.

James 1:5

This is not just abstract knowledge, but God-given insight that leads to right living.

James 1:6

James now contrasts the readiness on God's part to give (v. 5) with the hesitation on people's part to ask (v. 6).

Leader Tips

AS YOU READ THIS WEEK...

- Think about and pray for each member of your small group.
- Think through the following questions:
 1. Whom does God bring to mind as I read these verses? Why?
 2. What needs to change in my own life as a result of what I'm reading?
 3. Whom do I need to tell about these verses?

FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY WE RECOMMEND...

- Bible Commentary: Bible.org
- Bible Commentary: DesiringGod.org
- Pronouncing Biblical Words:
Netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm

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