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Life Advice

Words to live by from the book of Proverbs



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Life Advice Week 1

Main Text

Proverbs 1

Discussion Questions:

Belong:

Ice Breaker: What is the best life advice you have ever been given? Who gave you the advice? Why was it so valuable to you? (If possible, have as many people as possible share the answer to this question!)

Leader's Note to Share with your group:

The book of Proverbs was written as a gracious resource of divine wisdom. Proverbs is a collection of wisdom sayings written primarily by a King in ancient Israel's history named Solomon, who is the son of King David and Bathsheba.

Some of the sayings come from Solomon himself, others were sayings taught to him by his father, his mother, and a prophet named Nathan. Proverbs teaches, guides, warns, and reveals, giving direction for life; almost like a SIGN simply saying, "Live like this."

God, in His kindness, has set us up for real life success with the Proverbs.

This month, we're teaching FOUNDATIONS for Wisdom. The Big Idea is that we are all being formed by something. Something or someone is forming you, guiding you, influencing you, helping you become who you are becoming. The question remains, is what is forming you wise and good?

Believe:

How would you describe or define wisdom? What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?

Read Proverbs 1:1-7

What stands out to you from this passage of Scripture?

How would you describe "fear of the Lord?" Why is it the beginning of wisdom?

*"This is **Not the afraid** type of fear. It is the reverence type of fear. You are not scared of God but rightly carrying a **reverence** for God. It's **not dread or panic**, but a humble awe that we are before GOD, the One who speaks and creates. He is The author of all creation and the all-powerful One who RULES eternity past and future. We FEAR Him in humble and complete reverence. " Pastor Trey*

Read Zephaniah 3:17

How does knowing that God loves you and sings over you help you have a reverent awe for him? Does it make it easier or harder to "fear him"?

Read Proverbs 1:20-22

Why do you think wisdom is calling out loudly "in the streets" ? What does the voice of wisdom compete with today? When are you most likely to hear wisdom or not hear wisdom?

Read Proverbs 1:28-33

What is the cost of ignoring wisdom? How is wisdom both lighting the path and the way to walk, but also warning us against going the wrong way? Can you think of an example that illustrates this from your own experience?

(Example how we use our words, marriage, managing our money etc)

Read Proverbs 1:33 in a few different translations

What is the encouragement in this verse? What part appeals to you the most? Living securely? Being at ease? Living without fear? Share with the group how that could change your life.

Closing:

- Remember: *“There is freedom in choosing God’s wisdom as the leading influence in your life.”* Pastor Trey
- Read Proverbs 2:1-10 and pray through it as a group. Try turning each verse in a simple prayer back to God.
- We will be in the book of Proverbs throughout the next 12 weeks! Who can you invite to church to hear this real life advice?
- Encourage your group members to sign up for daily Scripture and prayer texts this week - text 'daily' to 40777