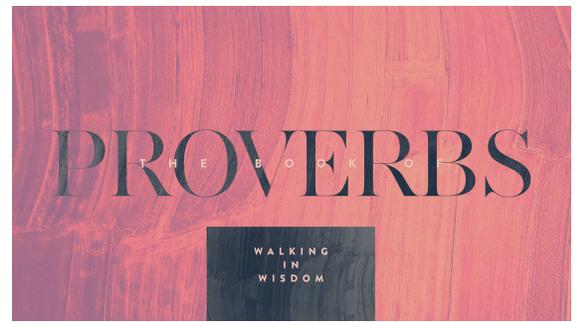




Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide
or personal devotional guide



The Way of Wisdom

Introduction: The book of Proverbs is filled with wisdom. The counsel that is given is worth more than gold. Solomon calls for us to hear sound advice, hold it close to our hearts, and heed the instruction of wisdom. The application of wisdom is necessary for wisdom to be beneficial to our life. The goal should be to obey and follow the right path, not just know the right path.

Text: Proverbs 4

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: Have you ever made a decision knowing that it wasn't a good idea in the first place? Tell/write of your experience.
2. Read Prov. 4:1, 1:5, 1:8, 8:33, 23:19, 19:27 What is the common word you find in these verses?
3. What does it mean to truly "hear" wisdom?
4. Read Prov. 4:4, 2:1, 7:1—What is the common theme in these verses?
5. What does it mean to "hold" to wisdom?
6. Read Proverbs 4:5-19. List ways that you are to "heed" wisdom.
7. Proverbs 4:18-19 mark out two distinct paths. What are they and how would you explain this two paths to someone?
8. Search the Proverbs to back up the following statements:
 - The way of Wisdom Walks with the Lord
 - The Way of Wisdom Walks with the wise
 - They way of Wisdom Walks with Integrity
 - The way of Wisdom Walks with righteousness
 - The way of Wisdom walks with Honesty
 - The way of Wisdom walks with Productivity
 - The way of Wisdom walks with Stewardship
 - The way of Wisdom walks with Words of Encouragement
9. What are some practical advice you have heard over the years that is just good ol' common sense wisdom? Discuss/Write some of the things you have been taught about good choices in life? How can you back that up with scripture?
10. How does "hearing" "holding" and "heeding" work together in walking in wisdom?

Think About it:

The Lord gives us sound advice in how to live life to the fullest. The word of God tells us how we can have eternal life and abundant life. So many people will not listen to godly counsel, they do not hold sound advice in their heart, and will not heed the voice of wisdom. The majority of our problems in our life could be avoided if we would simply heed the voice of wisdom. There is not one are of our life that can be blessed by following the wisdom of God. Marriages, parenting, working, relationships, business dealings, et . can all be helped by sound wisdom. If there is a path that leads to life, and one that leads to death . . . why not choose the path that leads to life?

Moving Forward:

Evaluate where you are at in life. How are you following wisdom in your daily decisions. Are you taking time to read God's word so that you can hear wisdom? Are you seeking godly counsel and making wise decisions? Are you treasuring God's word and seeing the value of His wisdom? Are you obeying the voice of God and following his path? Look at areas in your life that are not in line with God's word. Repent and get on God's path. Every decision you make this week . . . seek the wisdom of God. Pray every day for God's voice to direct your steps.

