

Title: The Pursuit of Wisdom

Big Idea: Wisdom is the ability to foresee the consequences of your decisions, and then decide appropriately.

Optional Ice Breaker: We've all made "stupid" decisions. What's a decision you've made that you'd call "stupid"?

Discuss:

- 1. What most impacted you from services this weekend?
- 2. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
- 3. Pastor Cal said "Your life is the sum total of the decisions you have made." Do you agree or disagree? Have you seen this in your own life?
- 4. Where do you want wisdom from God in your life?

For Students: Who in your life is someone you'd consider wise? Talk to them about what wisdom means to them!

Challenge: Pastor Cal shared 4 ways to attain wisdom: 1) Pray and ask God for it 2) Read the Wisdom Literature in your Bible! 3) Trust God to know more than you know 4) Trust God to know more than you know. Choose one to practice this week!

Scriptures:

- Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.
- Proverbs 2:1-8 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.
- Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
- Proverbs 9:8-9 Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you; rebuke the wise and they will love you. Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

Prayer: Ask God to give you wisdom.

Next Week-Sneak Peek: Financial wisdom from the Proverbs!