

BOOKS OF WISDOM: PROVERBS

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MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message introduced the book of Proverbs as part of the Bible's Wisdom Literature, written primarily by Solomon to impart wisdom to future generations. Proverbs offers practical advice on life, relationships, money, and character. However, proverbs are not promises but principles – guidelines that generally lead to wise and godly living but are not guaranteed outcomes. Proverbs is a daily guide to living wisely in God's world.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. Share a time when you tried to fix something but ended up making it worse. What did you learn from the experience? (limit one story per person)
3. The Purpose of Proverbs: Proverbs 1:1-7
 - a. According to these verses, what is the purpose of the book of Proverbs?
 - b. What does it mean that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge"?
 - c. How might wisdom differ from knowledge?
4. Lady Wisdom's invitation: Proverbs 1:20-23 & Proverbs 8:1-11
 - a. Have you ever thought of wisdom from this perspective? Why or why not?
 - b. What does this imagery teach us about wisdom?
 - c. Why do people often ignore wisdom, even when it is readily available?
5. Wisdom vs. Foolishness: Proverbs 3:5-7 & Proverbs 14:12
 - a. How does trusting in the Lord lead to wisdom?
 - b. What are some ways people rely on their understanding rather than seeking God's wisdom?
6. Proverbs vs Promises: Proverbs 22:6 & John 10:27-28
 - a. How does Proverbs 22:6 provide a principle rather than a guarantee?
 - b. How does John 10:27-28 differ in its certainty as a promise from God?
7. What is one way you can approach/reapproach Proverbs with the right mindset?

PRAY