

Life Group Discussion Guide  
The Pursuit of Wisdom (Proverbs 2)  
April 17, 2016

1. If you were to sit down with your son or daughter with the intent of speaking wisdom into his/her life, what would be the most important topic to discuss? What else would you discuss? Why?
2. Reflect on Proverbs 2:1-4. Why do you think Solomon uses a multitude of expressions to urge his readers to diligently pursue wisdom? What insight can be gained from his choice of language in verses 1-4?
3. What are some practical ways that we might go about seeking (or passing on) godly wisdom today that leads to the knowledge of God?
4. Considering Proverbs 2:5, how does having the fear of the Lord in our hearts translate into a life of wisdom?
5. Read and discuss what insight each of the following verses have about wisdom: Proverbs 2:6; 4:7; 9:10; 10:31; 11:2; 13:10; 15:33; 21:30; 29:15 James 1:5; 3:13-18. How do these verses together provide a more rounded understanding of biblical wisdom? Based on what these verses teach, how would you explain to someone else how the Bible views wisdom?
6. Proverbs 15:33 makes an essential link between the fear of the Lord and wisdom: *“The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom....”* How do the following passages help us get a better understanding of the fear of the Lord and its relationship to wisdom: Job 28:28; Psalm 19:9; 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 8:13; 9:10; 10:27; 14:26-27; 15:16; 15:33; 16:6; 19:23; Isaiah 11:2-3 (speaking of Messiah) 2 Corinthians 5:10-11.
7. Proverbs 2 teaches that one of the results of seeking wisdom is not only discovering the knowledge of God and discerning the fear of the Lord (i.e. vs. 5) but actually enabling us to discern the paths of godly living (vs. 9) and then guarding us from walking in the evil way (vs. 11). Review the two examples of snares in Proverbs 2 that wisdom guards us from (Vss. 12-15 & vss. 16-19). How relevant are the warnings about these snares today? What other contemporary snares or temptations do we need godly wisdom to guard us against most?
8. How might this discussion of wisdom and the fear of the Lord impact how you live in the next week? How will you seek Godly wisdom through the Scriptures and godly counsel or fellowship? In what specific areas of life do you need to be mindful about the fear of the Lord (and the teachings of Scripture)?