



## Session 1

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### Big Idea:

Wisdom is lived, not quoted.

### GROUP OPENER

Discuss what are common marks of someone you would consider wise.

How does being wise tie to a “successful” life?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read Proverbs 3 Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience? How should it affect the way I live?

### ACTION STEPS

*I will statement . . .*

- Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. Put it in the form, “I Will \_\_\_\_\_”. Make it concrete, simple, and achievable. Share it with the group.

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WEEKEND

### As a Group

The book of Proverbs comes from Ancient Near Eastern “Wisdom” literature. The book was primarily written by King Solomon. This literature was written to help people understand reality and live well in light of that truth.

As a group discuss how proverbs can sometimes be hard to understand.

Proverbs use a large amount of symbolic and metaphoric language which means this figurative language can have many applications. Look at the parallelism here and develop some applications as a group for each of these verses.

**Same:** “Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.” (Prov 16:18)

**Opposite:** “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (Prov 15:1)

Mark shared that the primary content of the proverbs can fall into these six categories. Wisdom, words, relationships, behavior, character, wealth.

He also listed some of our largest social problems. Secularism, mental health, isolation, alcoholism, comparison, lack of truth, peace, wealth, debt and vocation.

How do you see proverbs addressing these issues? Be specific.

### On your own:

For the next 31 days read 1 chapter of Proverbs a day and underline each of the Proverbs that speaks to you.

Consider memorizing one Proverb a week this summer from the ones you underline.